

CoSA Circles of Support and Accountability

CoSA is a service that supports people convicted of sexual offences, to improve their emotional wellbeing by strengthening relationships and community ties. This involves engaging trained and well-supported volunteers to offer social contact, guidance and accountability.

Benefits of CoSA:

- Strengthens risk management
- Increases likelihood of desistance when people commit to it
- Addresses social isolation; a sexual offending risk factor
- Contributes to rehabilitation
- Offers positive social contact, guidance and accountability



Core Member Quotes:



"I have less of a desire to offend unlike before when the urges were almost out of control...."



"Life changing, positive. Great helped me with social skills trusthonesty"

Eligibility Criteria:

- Sexual Offence
- High or Very High ROSH
- Medium, High or Very High OSP/C High OSP/I
- Socially isolated, OASys (score 1 or 2)
- 15 months left before their sentence ends
- Motivated to engage with CoSA

Referrals:

- See EQUIP process: [Wales - Circles \(CoSA\) Referral \(Master\)](https://www.justice.gov.uk/wales-circles-cosa-referral-master), ([justice.gov.uk](https://www.justice.gov.uk)).
- Discuss with individual and share privacy notice
- Email referral to WalesPSCosaReferrals@justice.gov.uk for re- view by panel
- The CORRE review the referral and create the NSI
- PP to update the NSI with progress

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