

Release of prisoners from overseas and what happens next if you do nothing?

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Quote from prisoner:



"Thank you very much. You have made my prison time more bearable here as I am the only English speaker and have been for three years."

PRISONERS ABROAD



- Created in 1978
- 23 staff
- Income £1.2 million per year

Client numbers

- 1,700 prisoners each year
- 90 countries
- ¹/₃ North America
- ⅓ Europe
- ¹/₃ Rest of the world
- Also 1,500 family members in UK and elsewhere





Offence breakdown



- Drugs 49%
- Murder 15%
- Sexual/Rape 10%
- Fraud 7.1%
- Property/Theft 6.1%

•	Violence	5.5%
•	Violence	5.52

- Visa overstay 1.6%
- Smuggling 1.3%
- Other 4.6%
- Unknown 3.4%

Quote from prisoner "Thank you for your help while I was in prison in [Council of Europe country] awaiting trial. The books, cards and most importantly the survival grant. The food provided in the prison amounts to little more than 3 bowls of watery porridge a day and some stale bread. Without the grant I would not have been able to buy food and may not have survived."



Resettlement clients



- 200 resettled each year
- 10%-20% dangerous offenders

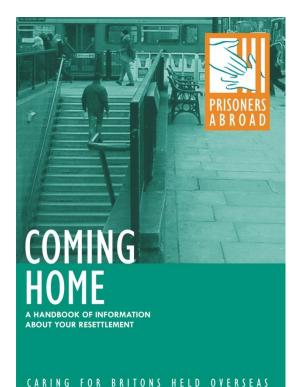
Quote from prisoner



"Thank you for the invaluable help, speaking to the administration here and I would like to thank you for paying for the medical supplies I need for my amputation. Through your professionalism, compassion and dedication you make life much easier for people in my position."



Preparation for release



Quote from prisoner:



"Before leaving prison I read your resettlement handbook. I now face many of the problems experienced by others: I've walked into a financial mess; I'm unable to work until my health and fitness return to normal levels; relationships have dissolved and I am forced to live with my father, 78 who's in poor health and terribly stressed by it all."

Quote from prisoner:



"When you think about what is going to happen and all those problems outside like finding a job, money, shelter and you are all alone, you feel like your mind is going to blow up. I believe we couldn't make it through with out all your help and support....."

What happens next if you do nothing:



- A fast return to crime generating more victims
- Family estrangements and future generational impact
- No second chance, no career options other than prison

Prisoners Abroad

- Fill the gap in the system
- Provide public protection
- Non-judgmental
- Exceptional knowledge base
- Funding goes further very cost effective
- A second chance
- Save lives





Quote from a prisoner:



"I feel good about coming home. My contact with you has given me hope of having a place to start and having people to turn to. Where was there was despair, now is eagerness to begin a new life!"