

N-Delius Record for Alan Falsename Nonn at 14 March 2015

Subject

Surname: NONN
Title: Mr
First Name: Alan
Second Name: Falsename
Date of Birth: 01/07/1990
Sexual Orientation: Heterosexual
Ethnicity: White British
Nationality: British
Language: English
Religion: None
Telephone Number: 0**** *
Mobile Number: 07*** *
Allow SMS Contact: Y
Email Address: anonn@*mail.com
CRN: */14
PNC: */04
CRO: */04
NOMS Number: *
NI Number: ** * * * B
Notes:
Offender Notes:
Exclusion Message:
Restriction Message:

Addresses

Address status Main
Start Date: 02/10/14
Address Notes “New landlord & landlady, Jake and Rose” – nearer new job, and Jake a different friend from Rising Sun
Streetnumber: 5
Streetname Tavistock Rd
District:
Town/City: MIDFORD
County: Midshire
Post Code: M** 3**
Address Tel No: Not available
Address Assessments: NO INFORMATION RECORDED

Address status Previous
Start Date: 01/04/13
Address Notes Flatshare with friend John Soames, a drinking friend at the Rising Sun pub
Streetnumber: 4
Streetname Holly Terrace
District:
Town/City: MIDFORD

County: Midshire
Post Code: M** 2**
Address Tel No: Not available
Address Assessments: NO INFORMATION RECORDED

Personal Circumstances

Personal Circumstance:
Circumstance Main: Employed
Circumstance Start Date: 29/09/14
Circumstance End Date: -

Personal Circumstance:
Circumstance Main: Unemployed
Circumstance Start Date: May 2014
Circumstance End Date: 29/09/14

Disability

No Disability

Registrations

Registration:
Register Type: Medium RoSH
Registration Date: 01/08/2014
Next Review Date: 01/02/2015
Registration Team: MID OMU
Registration Officer: Theo Manager
Registration Notes: Medium Risk of Harm

Offender Managers

Offender Manager
Provider: CRC Midshire
Team: Midford OMU
Officer: Mark Officer
Start Date: 04/08/2014
Reason: Initial Allocation

Management Tiers

Management Tier
Tier: 2
Date Changed: Initial Assessment
Entered by: T Manager

OASys Assessments

OASys Assessment
Assessment Date: 18/08/2014
Assessing Provider: CRC Midshire
OASys Total Score:
OASys Court: Midford Magistrates Court
OASys Risk Flags:

OASys Concern Flags:

Assessed by: M Officer
Assessment Received Date: 18/08/2014
Initial Sentence Plan Date: 18/08/2014
Review Terminated N
Review Number null
OASys Assessment reason CJA2003 – Start of Community Order
OASys Layer Type LAYER 2
OGRS Score 1
OGRS Score 2
OGP Score 1
OGP Score 2
OVP Score 1
OVP Score 2
OASys Offence Obtaining goods by deception

OASys Assessment Section Scores

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Section Score

OASys Level

Criminogenic Need:

etc

OASys Assessment Sentence Plans

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Objective Number:

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Exclusions

Restrictions

Court Appearances

Court Appearance

Appearance Date: 8/01/2009

Court: Midford Magistrates
Plea: Guilty to Driving with Excess Alcohol
Outcome: Fine and Disqualification for 12 months
Court Notes: Was marginally over the limit on driving motorbike home from Rising Sun pub just before Christmas. No other aggravating factors so minimum sentence.

Court Appearance
Appearance Date: 15/03/2009
Court: Midford Magistrates
Plea: Guilty to Drunk & Disorderly
Outcome: Fine
Court Notes: Walking home from the Rising Sun with friends, got into an altercation with two other young men. Original assault charges were dropped, as no harm and unclear who started it.

Court Appearance
Appearance Date: 20/12/2009
Court: Midford Magistrates
Plea: Guilty to Breach of the Peace
Outcome: Fined and Bound Over
Court Notes: Fisticuffs outside a betting shop. Again no real harm and seemed likely that the other young man started it this time.

Court Appearance
Appearance Date:
Court:
Plea:
Outcome:
Court Notes:

Contacts

Contact

Contact Type: Inter Provider NSI Transfer Accepted
Contact Date: 04/08/2014
Contact Start Time:
Contact End Time:
Contact Location: Midford office
Contact Team: MID OMU
Contact Officer: T Manager
Contact Notes: New case received from NPS Court Officer Natalie Report-Writer, and allocated to Mark Officer. Natalie says that defendant accepts he needs help, but is cynical about whether we can provide what he needs.

Contact Outcome:

Attended:
Complied: Y

Contact**Contact Type:** Induction Group**Contact Date:** 05/08/2014**Contact Start Time:** 18.00**Contact End Time:** 19.00**Contact Location:** Midford office**Contact Team:** MID OMU**Contact Officer:** Mark Officer

Contact Notes: As it happened, it was my turn on Induction Group this week, and Alan had been allocated to me. As Natalie had warned us, Alan was cynical at first about whether we could help him, but he seemed to warm to me as an older 'man of the world'. I told him if he really wanted help he could come to his first appt this Thurs – which rather trapped him into accepting!

Contact Outcome: Attended - complied**Attended:** Y**Complied:** Y**Contact****Contact Type:** Planned Office Visit (NS)**Contact Date:** 07/08/2014**Contact Start Time:** 11.00**Contact End Time:** 12.15**Contact Location:** Midford office**Contact Team:** MID OMU**Contact Officer:** Mark Officer

Contact Notes: This felt like quite an early breakthrough. Al said he felt better about talking to a man in his fifties rather than a woman who was hardly older than he was (not quite true! – but I let that point go for now). He readily admitted to me that he likes a drink or two with his mates at the Rising Sun, and he also likes a bet – and he finds it hard at the moment without the money he used to earn.

I told him I would hope that our ETE worker would aim to help him get back into work, despite being dismissed from Gilkes, and meanwhile he and I would also review regularly his drinking and betting behaviour in detail. He looked quite encouraged!

Meanwhile I would also have to ask him lots of questions about his past today and next week so that I can complete the ISP in the right timescale. Oddly, he seemed quite keen to open up to me – or perhaps to show off a bit that he was 'man of the world' too (not sure he's got me right there!). He told me his Dad was a lorry driver who also got bits of cash 'on the side', so was a good provider until he died when Al was 14. Al is an only child, and he stayed with his Mum until he was about 20 – though he sounded a bit disparaging in what he said about her.

He'd got a job at Gilkes, a small local warehouse, almost straight from

school, because even though he had no qualifications he was friendly with Mike Gilkes the boss's son. He got the hang of driving a fork-lift truck, which he enjoyed, and got some of his money cash in hand, so he didn't mind too much for a long time that he would be laid off for periods and then called back when work picked up. But recently he'd started to resent it, and bad feelings has built up until the incident that had got him sacked.

Yes, he enjoyed drinking with his mates at the Rising Sun, and having a bet too – “all part of the crack” – so he found it hard when he couldn't afford these things. When pressed he reluctantly admitted that he'd 'done' the Company credit card at Gilkes as he felt they owed him money from how they'd exploited him in the past – and it enabled him to maintain his lifestyle. “It's no good having champagne taste and a lemonade income – I expect you know that too, don't you?” I said we'd go into this further next Thursday. I should also have a reply from the Police Intelligence Unit by then.

Contact Outcome: Attended - complied

Attended: Y

Complied: Y

Contact

Contact Type: Planned Office Visit (NS)

Contact Date: 14/08/2014

Contact Start Time: 11.00

Contact End Time: 11.55

Contact Location: Midford office

Contact Team: MID OMU

Contact Officer: Mark Officer

Contact Notes: Went into his offending record today. When he was 15 he was cautioned for trying to steal an iPod from a shop. “I couldn't afford it as my old lady wouldn't give me the money – usually she gives in, but this time she didn't.”

When he was 18 he was done for Excess Alcohol. Gilkes was over two miles from home, and at first he'd cycled there each day, but at 17 got a motorbike and passed his test. So getting done just over a year later was a blow - “I like to drop into the 'Sun on the way home and this time I wasn't careful enough” He was back to cycling for a year – fortunate only to get minimum sentence due to no aggravating circs.

During that year he got into two scrapes after drinking: one a Drunk & Disorderly from an altercation with two other young men while walking home from pub. Other was a Breach of Peace from an exchange of blows with someone who riled him outside a betting office. Al gave a rather self-justifying account of standing up for himself – “I never explain, never apologise, and I think the beaks at Court understood that and didn't hit me too hard.”

The Police info has one stark mention of a Warning to Al from the DVU in December 2012 after being called to the home of a Tracey West. “Oh yes, she and I were together from Christmas '09 to about Easter

'13 I think. I had to leave – she got much too lippy.” Al says he hasn’t “wasted any of his time” over her since then.

Although his earlier formal convictions are for minor Public Order offences, I think that bearing in mind his DVU Warning it’s right to rank him as Medium RoH. As for his current offences, both for credit card fraud, I suspect that he’s always on the edge of minor thefts and deceptions in order to keep him in beer, and he almost has a sense of entitlement to such ‘perks’. Getting a job would largely stop this, while controlling his drinking and betting should make him less violent?

His SAQ mainly just comes down to “I need a job”, with little other insight, other than that perhaps he should drink and bet less.

Contact Outcome: Attended - complied

Attended: Y

Complied: Y

Contact

Contact Type: OASys Signed off

Contact Date: 18/082014

Contact Start Time:

Contact End Time:

Contact Location: Midford office

Contact Team: MID OMU

Contact Officer: Mark Officer

Contact Notes: T Manager signed off my OASys and ISP today – nearly missed the 10—day deadline because he insists I’m not “qualified”, though I’d done my plan last Friday. My 15 years in Adult Social Care still counts for nothing here!

Contact Outcome:

Attended:

Complied:

Contact

Contact Type: ETE Advisor Appointment

Contact Date: 19/08/2014

Contact Start Time: 14.15

Contact End Time: 14.50

Contact Location: Midford office

Contact Team: MID ETE

Contact Officer: Edith Worker

Contact Notes: Alan Nonn attended, referred by Mark Officer. Rather disrespectful, almost patronising attitude, but keen to know what I “could do for him”. Mark had thought I’d need to put Al through a College course to get some general qualifications, but as it happened I was able to get Al an interview for a place on a FLT [Fork-Lift Truck] Driver’s course starting next week. Al managed to be both grateful and sarcastic about this at the same time! “See – you CAN do something useful for me!”

Contact Outcome: Attended - complied

Attended: Y
Complied: Y

Contact

Contact Type: Planned Office Visit (NS)
Contact Date: 21/08/2014
Contact Start Time: 15.10
Contact End Time: 15.50
Contact Location: Midford office
Contact Team: MID OMU
Contact Officer: Mark Officer

Contact Notes: Al was upbeat having had the interview and was now starting the two-week FLT course next week. He seemed to give me the credit for this rather than Edith, but it was good to see him suddenly looking positive. I pointed out that although the Court had made the wrong Order re his alcohol needs we still needed to do some work on drinking and betting too, and he went along with this as though he were humouring me - "Well of course, if you say so, boss, let's do it".
I gave him the Diary forms for Alcohol and Gambling, started him off by reviewing the last two days, which unfortunately showed a tidy win at the bookie's, and a celebratory drink-up. With that I sent him away, though not with high hopes for seeing much constructive in the diaries next week, which we'll do at his flat.

Contact Outcome: Attended - complied
Attended: Y
Complied: Y

Contact

Contact Type: Planned Home Visit (NS)
Contact Date: 27/08/2014
Contact Start Time: 17.30
Contact End Time: 18.00
Contact Location: Midford office
Contact Team: MID OMU
Contact Officer: Mark Officer

Contact Notes: Not sure there was much point in visiting his flatshare (friend John Soames), a grubby bachelor pad with no sign of any other resident or even visitor, and no interest in or sign of children. What I hadn't expected was that Al had rather taken to the Diary tasks. After a while I realised that the process had started as a kind of 'showing off' what a real man he was to have the quantity of his drinking and betting documented. With his winnings from last week he'd spent a further £50 at the bookie's and consumed 31 pints of lager since then. He reckoned that was "normal" for when h was in work. But his mate John seemed to use my presence to jokily tease Al about wasting his money, and as we talked I could see this initial 'pride' turning into a sobering realisation of "Hell - this is costing me a lot of money".

Doing the FLT course is also making him thinking about cutting down, as he's doing well and doesn't want to lose what this should bring.

Contact Outcome: Attended - complied

Attended: Y

Complied: Y

Contact

Contact Type: Planned Office Visit (NS)

Contact Date: 04/09/2014

Contact Start Time: 17.30

Contact End Time: 18.00

Contact Location: Midford office

Contact Team: MID OMU

Contact Officer: Mark Officer

Contact Notes: FLT course still going OK – test tomorrow. Potential job interviews to follow if all goes well. Suddenly he's also coming over all rather pleased with himself at being "in control" of when he drinks and when he bets. "My mates won't get the better of me any more – I decide when and what I'll drink! I won't be the sucker any more – and the same goes for the bookie's!" He's decided to 'ration' his spend at the bookie's to £20 a week, and then walk away either when he's won or when that's spent. Drinking he now aims to cut to when he's not working the next day. I hadn't expected 'taking control' to have such an appeal for him – but it's good news for my Sentence Plan.

I decided to mention his ex-partner Tracey again, but again he was dismissive – "That's all over now, I'm well rid of her. The coppers had had to give me a Warning, 'cos I'd slapped the bitch, but that was all, and no real harm done." Not a nice attitude, but Police info shows nothing since 2012, and AI shows no interest in finding a new relationship.

Contact Outcome: Attended - complied

Attended: Y

Complied: Y

Contact

Contact Type: Planned Office Visit (NS)

Contact Date: 11/09/2014

Contact Start Time: 18.25

Contact End Time: 18.55

Contact Location: Midford office

Contact Team: MID OMU

Contact Officer: Mark Officer

Contact Notes: AI started a new job yesterday, with EWS the new out of town warehouse – they took on five FLT drivers this week. Since they often have to work late at short notice, future reporting is going to be tricky at times. But he came in, and was pleased to be telling me how he now expected to be doing well in future. He knows he absolutely can't

afford to lose his licence, so he's changing his pub habits to ensure he leaves his bike at the flat before going out, and that is now fewer nights anyway. He's already down to 20 pints for the week. He likes his mates, but he's now looking show he's in control and to better himself – he's upbeat about his new horizons.

Contact Outcome: Attended - complied

Attended: Y

Complied: Y

Contact

Contact Type: Planned Office Visit (NS)

Contact Date: 18/09/2014

Contact Start Time: 18.30

Contact End Time: 18.40

Contact Location: Midford office

Contact Team: MID OMU

Contact Officer: Fiona Newby

Contact Notes: Saw Al in Mark's absence on the Child Protection update course. Isn't Al an unpleasant cocky man! I'm at least four years older than him but he kept trying to talk down to me, and even as he complied with my request for his Diary updates etc he did so in a patronising manner. But objectively he's doing well – stuck to his £20 betting limit, and is down to 18 pints this week. Mark has described him as an impulsive type who loses his temper after a drink, but he's now taking a strange pride in meticulously recording his drinking and betting. He could be leading us on, but he showed me his wage slip (with a wink) and the savings account he's just opened online, so it all seems genuine.

Contact Outcome: Attended - complied

Attended: Y

Complied: Y

Contact

Contact Type: Planned Office Visit (NS)

Contact Date: 25/09/2014

Contact Start Time: 18.20

Contact End Time: 19.05

Contact Location: Midford office

Contact Team: MID OMU

Contact Officer: Mark Officer

Contact Notes: Al was unapologetic about his attitude to Fiona last week, though I told him this was unacceptable. He just said that you can't afford to let women "get the upper hand". I linked this on to a further discussion about his ex-partner Tracey – he admitted he'd had to "assert his authority" a few times, but in the end he'd had enough and walked out on her. I'd checked the scanty Police report since our last discussion and I pointed out that he'd apparently punched her in the midriff, but he was still dismissive – "Punch.. slap.. whatever" – at the time she'd

backed down, and that's how things should be. My attempt to get him to see things from her point of view fell on deaf ears – he only sees his own viewpoint. At least Tracey is now well in his past, and he's not showing any interest in anything other than himself at present.

With my own social work background I couldn't help asking him about his parents and his experience of growing up. To my surprise – not!- he admired his father as a real man, who kept Al's mother in her place and who was not averse to earning cash in hand on the side. I'd guess that Al wanted to fill his place when he died when Al was 14. He was dismissive about his Mum, though he could usually get money out of her when needed. He denied that there had been actual violence in the home, but he said that his Mum was "wise to give in", and I didn't like the way he said it. But he rarely sees her now. Overall DV was possibly an issue in Al's past, but it isn't now.

Betting: still £20. Drinking: 15 pints now! Savings: £80 so far.

Contact Outcome: **Attended - complied**

Attended: **Y**

Complied: **Y**

Contact

Contact Type: **Management Oversight**

Contact Date: **26/09/2014**

Contact Start Time:

Contact End Time:

Contact Location: **Midford office**

Contact Team: **MID OMU**

Contact Officer: **T Manager**

Contact Notes: Very good progress on the ISP, and in a very short time – job gained, drinking and betting reduced, though clearly not an endearing character. Re DV, it might be worth a double-check that there's nothing else from the Police – otherwise it's looking good for minimum contact from now on.

Contact

Contact Type: **Planned Office Visit (NS)**

Contact Date: **01/10/2014**

Contact Start Time: **18.40**

Contact End Time: **19.05**

Contact Location: **Midford office**

Contact Team: **MID OMU**

Contact Officer: **Mark Officer**

Contact Notes: Late from work, rather rushed meeting, though positive progress continues: Says has stopped betting altogether – "a mug's game" – and bought his mates some drinks last weekend to repay previous favours. Tells me he's now lodging with a different friend from the pub, Jake Goole, plus wife Rose, as this is nearer his job. I tell him that after next week I'll be able to space out his appointments because of

the progress he's made. After he's gone I realise he's not mentioned if Jake and Rose have any children, so I decide to check the address and names I've got with the Safeguarding Hub.

Contact Outcome: Attended - complied

Attended: Y

Complied: Y

Contact

Contact Type: Result from Safeguarding Hub

Contact Date: 07/10/2014

Contact Start Time:

Contact End Time:

Contact Location: Midford office

Contact Team: MID OMU

Contact Officer: Mark Officer

Contact Notes: Nothing known by Social Services or others re child concerns at the address or re Rose Goole. Was unlikely anyway but worth checking.

Contact

Contact Type: Planned Office Visit (NS)

Contact Date: 08/10/2014

Contact Start Time: 18.20

Contact End Time: 18.50

Contact Location: Midford office

Contact Team: MID OMU

Contact Officer: Mark Officer

Contact Notes: Al very cheerful today, almost to the point of over-familiarity. It's all going very well, I can congratulate myself on a successful case (!), he's got a better job than before, not betting at all, and only drinking when not working the next day. Jake and Rose are pleased to have him, and he's pleased to be there, much closer to work. Things are great and I "don't have to worry about him any more". Despite his irritating exuberance the progress is well evidenced and encouraging, and in view of my manager's recent comments I feel able to deprioritise this case to six-weekly reporting. Al grateful for this, saying it's quite a rush getting into town after work before our office closes on Thursdays. Thank goodness not too many of our cases get a job!

Contact Outcome: Attended - complied

Attended: Y

Complied: Y

Contact

Contact Type: Planned Office Visit (NS)

Contact Date: 19/11/2014

Contact Start Time: 18.40

Contact End Time: 19.00

Contact Location: Midford office

Contact Team: MID OMU
Contact Officer: Mark Officer
Contact Notes: Still very pleased with himself. Life progressing as planned – “You don’t have to worry about me now”. A nil betting diary, and drinking is a solid 10-12 pints of lager each week, over two evenings, which at least sounds realistic, as I’d not believe him if he said he’d gone teetotal!
Says he’s still avoiding overcomplicating his life with a woman.
Made next appointment 8th Jan – neither of us wants New Year’s Day!

Contact Outcome: Attended - complied
Attended: Y
Complied: Y

Contact

Contact Type:
Contact Date: 08/012015
Contact Start Time: 18.10
Contact End Time: 18.45
Contact Location: Midford office
Contact Team: MID OMU
Contact Officer: Mark Officer
Contact Notes: Al tells me that just before Christmas Jake walked out on his wife, so Al is now helping Rose out though he says he’s keeping to his own room – “You know how I feel about women – they’re trouble if you let them”. I certainly heard no tenderness in his voice re Rose, and he mainly just continues to sound pleased with himself. At least I had that All Clear from Safeguarding. He’s still doing the Drinking Diary, which did in fact show an increase over Christmas and New Year – 20 pints both weeks – but still less than when we started, and the other weeks were nearer the 10-12 mark. Wage slips still check out too.

Contact Outcome: Attended - complied
Attended: Y
Complied: Y

Contact

Contact Type: Phone call from Al
Contact Date: 19/02/2015
Contact Start Time: 18.50
Contact End Time: 19.00
Contact Location: Midford office
Contact Team: MID OMU
Contact Officer: Mark Officer
Contact Notes: Al phoned to apologise that he couldn’t get in this evening, but everything was still fine. He’d had to sort a bathroom leak for Rose straight after work to save her lounge ceiling. Everything is still going just as well as it was. I was a bit dubious, but it’s the first time he’s done this so I accepted it as a ‘complying’ phone report in. Warned him he must come in in person next time, and four weeks today (19 Mar).

Contact Outcome: Phoned - complied
Attended: Y
Complied: Y

Contact

Contact Type: Failed Appointment – and potential SFO notification
Contact Date: 19/03/2015
Contact Start Time:
Contact End Time:
Contact Location: Midford office
Contact Team: MID OMU
Contact Officer: Mark Officer

Contact Notes: Al's failure to report today was almost incidental to the news received. Early yesterday morning (18th) an ambulance found Al's 'landlady' Rose Selby (not Goole!) dead in the house, and it wasn't until last night that Police connected Al to the case – he was missing, and they made an appeal last night for him as Rose's current partner to come forward "to help clarify the circumstances concerning her death". Apparently, Jake Goole has told Police that he moved out in October, when Rose invited Al into the house to replace Jake as her partner. Although Jake had been one of Al's drinking friends, they're certainly not now on good terms! There's no sign of Al here today, or anywhere else expected, or answering his phone, and a storm is blowing up both in the media and on the internet which is rife with rumours.

Contact Outcome: Attended - complied
Attended: Y
Complied: Y

Contact

Contact Type: SFO notification
Contact Date: 20/03/2015
Contact Start Time:
Contact End Time:
Contact Location: Midshire Area office
Contact Team: MID ARE
Contact Officer: S Director

Contact Notes: SFO Notification completed today. File now frozen and sent immediately for a Full Review – case already hugely notorious.

END OF CASE FILE

Narrative of further unfolding events follows

Narrative of continuing events in the case of Al Nonn

Taking 17th March as Day One, the following events have unfolded in this case:

Day One: Al came home from work, after three pints of lager, accused Rose of seeing another man. She said she hadn't, but she'd certainly think about it as he was not as good in bed as Jake had been. He became coldly angry, told her that he'd teach her a lesson. He locked the door of Leanne's bedroom (she seemed to be asleep), pinned Rose to the bed, gagged her, and raped her anally, and she died from asphyxiation though he'd not set out to kill her. He thought (or at least told himself) that she was shamming (which he later said she'd done before), walked out of the house, and rode round to the house of a pub friend who tended to share some of his misogynist views. He posted on a website that he'd just taught his woman a lesson not to "disrespect" him again, adding with a smiley face that he hoped he hadn't done her any lasting harm – but also that men should stand up for themselves more. This was shared and forwarded in various ways among sympathetic websites and blogs, where it was to be picked up by journalists of various descriptions over the next few days. He'd had a couple more drinks by the time he phoned later to check on her, got no reply, and phoned for an ambulance, while also saying that it was almost certainly a false alarm, since she often sulked after one of their "sex games". It was four in the morning when ambulance called at the house, heard a child crying, and the help of the Police, gained entry and found Rose dead with Leanne distraught in the next room.

Day Two: The police were now looking for Al, and checking with his known friends (and their friends), though few had any criminal record to speak of, so tracing them and seeing them took some time – so they also made a public appeal for him to come forward. Although they were discreet about what they said ("to help clarify circumstances concerning the death of Rose ____") the material now widely accessible on the internet meant that journalists, including 'informal' internet 'journalists' could speculate about it using the growing multitude of comments, and the slim apparent evidence, about what had actually happened. By the evening he had given a phone interview (though he kept moving around to prevent his location from being traced), so was able to broadcast his view that men should "stand up for themselves more." Portraying himself as a victim of a now increasingly 'female-dominated' society, he had 'made a stand for men', and no one including his probation officer had been able to stop him – indeed he hardly ever saw him now anyway.

Day Two also therefore saw responses on social media, which then also got into conventional media, from Jake, who said that his former partner Rose had been an impressionable and vulnerable young mother who had been "taken away from him" by Al. Al was on Probation but had "pulled the wool over the eyes" of his PO, had stopped seeing him, and wasn't even doing his alcohol treatment. Jake also disclosed that Leanne was a Child Protection case, so in his view Probation, Children's Services and the Police had all let down his ex-partner. Tracey also came onto social media to say that she could confirm what a violent, sadistic and controlling man Al was, and that he'd raped her once, that she had told the police and the police had assured her they would pass it on. Meanwhile Al's mother was persuaded to go on TV to make an emotional plea to him to give himself up.

Day Three was when the police caught up with Al, at the house of the 'friend of a friend', a man with an eye for drawing attention to himself: He announced that they were both armed, and there was a standoff for a few hours before it became clear that it was a bluff, and the pair were arrested.

The point of providing these details is to illustrate not only that someone can commit an unexpectedly serious offence but also it can sometimes happen that circumstances combine that lead the matter to become a media sensation, with all sorts of 'information' (not always strictly accurate of course) and allegations being made in the public domain before an arrest is made and therefore before the whole matter becomes *sub judice*. In this case the following headlines and themes were all widely in the public domain (the most lurid in internet-only), in a classic media frenzy, before Al was formally arrested:

"Former Rapist now Buggers Partner to Death while her Daughter Looks On"

"Sex Fiend Gloats Publicly How He Raped and Murdered his Girlfriend"

"Probation left Sex Fiend Free to Rape again and Worse"

"Clueless Probation Betrays Vulnerable Young Mum and her Daughter: Police and Social Workers also Failed"

"New for-Profit Probation Bosses Risk Public Rather than Spend, says Whistleblower"

"New for-Profit Probation No Idea How to Protect Women, says Expert"

Day Four: Although the immediate media frenzy had to end (except on the internet) with the arrest, the growing political alarm, both locally and nationally, now crystallised with some anxious and angry questions being asked of the Community Rehabilitation (Probation) Company, both by journalists and by elected representatives. Was it true that this man was not being seen? That he hadn't done his Alcohol Treatment? That the man had raped before? That he was a known danger to women? That he was living with a woman with a child on the Child Protection Register?

Meanwhile the officer in charge of the case got to see Al in custody at the end of Day Four. Al admitted to him now that he had "not told the whole truth" about the home he had moved into just before the eight-week point; Jake had already just left the home, asked to leave by Rose, who asked him to move in instead. Al described himself as having been fooled again by a woman who had beguiled him, as Tracey had done, and then "tried to run his life", also as Tracey had done, and he'd had to assert himself, although he also tried to pass off the killing itself as a sex game that had gone wrong (his way of minimising or excusing his behaviour towards women). He denied ever having raped Tracey anally, but he said that they too had had "sex games" periodically, and that it was typical of her to deny later that she had either consented or enjoyed it. On the occasion when Jake had moved out, and Al was getting ready to move in, during the animated discussion when Jake had tried to point out to Rose that Al was someone on Probation Al had indeed claimed that he didn't have to see his probation officer any more, and hadn't needed to do the alcohol treatment anyway. On the other hand Al had had no idea that Leanne was on the Child Protection register (in fact she had been taken off over a year previously, because at the time Children's Services were satisfied that the relationship between Rose and Jake was benign and seemed stable).

It is in this context that an initial urgent internal review of the case is then undertaken.

Does any aspect of the supervision of this case now look different, in the context of what has now happened?

The principle of the approach that I'm promoting is that it shouldn't look any different at all, provided that any review of the Public Protection aspect of any current case is always approached with the mindset: "If a catastrophe were to take place tomorrow in this case, how would the work done look then, in any review?" In a phrase that I think Hazel Kemshall has used, as well as I have, it's about exercising 'hindsight in advance'.

Findings:

Purpose One: Making each person under supervision less likely to reoffend is the top performance objective for both the individual practitioner and the employer, and in this case the work looks very good indeed. His conviction - and not his first one either - was for dishonesty, and in common with many other young men he was inclined to do this when he either was, or felt he was, short of money, notably to feed his tendency to bet to unavailingly try to maintain an income. He also drank somewhat heavily, mainly socially, and was not actually alcohol dependent. He was out of work, and without the qualification he needed to get back into work, when his sentence started.

Mark used community resources to get him onto a FLT course, and a mentor who as a reformed gambler convinced AI that betting was a mug's game. Mark worked with AI himself on an alcohol diary, and a rapid reduction in drink consumption took place within four weeks of sentence, though this was as much due to AI getting back into work and feeling less of a need for drinking much, though he still fairly regularly had a pint or two with his regular pub friends. By any external measure, AI being in work, and reducing both drinking and betting, and even apparently improving his accommodation, had become very much less likely to repeat his index offence of credit card fraud.

Purpose Two: Did Mark implement the sentence of the Court? The Alcohol Treatment Requirement may well have been inappropriate, in terms of clinical treatment for AI in his case, but for whatever reason the Court had included it, alongside the supervision requirement. Mark did some Alcohol Diary work with AI, and with some apparent benefit, but this does not constitute implementing the ATR – in terms of a referral to an external clinical alcohol specialist – and nor did Mark attempt to take the Order back to Court to seek to amend it. Furthermore, Mark took the decision at the eight-week point that the key objectives of supervision had been achieved, and that from then on it would be a case of minimum contact for monitoring purposes, and (as above) one can see the logic underlying that approach.

There is no longer a National Standard for frequency of contact, so what's the problem? The issue is how does this look in public if and when something has gone badly wrong? It's a matter of judgement, bearing in mind that no public service is ever safe from unfair criticism, but in my opinion it is difficult for the employer to claim to the wider world that their service has been 'sufficient' if the officer makes no apparent attempt to require contact at least once per calendar month throughout the first year of supervision, and if one aspect of a Court Order has simply not been implemented (or an amendment sought). 'Implementing the sentence of the Court' is a Purpose in its own right that constitutes a reputational risk for the employer when it is perceived as not having been fulfilled.

Purpose Three: Failing to fulfil the Public Protection Purpose is of course a far bigger reputational risk. One of the key points being made in this fictional case is that it is possible to do well, by any reasonable analysis, on Purpose One – reducing Likelihood of Reoffending – but very probably be seen as failing badly on Purpose Three, taking all reasonable action to manage Risk of Harm to others.

Part of the problem might well be laid by some at the door of others: the only way that Mark could have got to know about the previous allegation of rape (made by Tracey) is after the Police had given this information to the CPS, the CPS had then passed it on at the point of sentence. But the assault case was not proceeded with in Court, and although the prosecutor might well have passed on information from the credit card fraud file, he/she might well not have even studied the now-redundant assault file in any detail.

Question: Given that the information did not reach Mark through the initiative of others in the CJS, should Mark in any case have initiated a call to the DV Unit himself?

There was little pressure to do because Al was ostensibly no longer in a relationship, and the only previous contact known to Mark was over a year previously, and related to a relationship now ended, but should Mark have made a further check with the DV Unit anyway?

Arguably, yes. His manager is on the record as advising him that he should do so, though there was no apparent attempt to follow this through by either Mark or the manager.

Next question: Should Mark have made a home visit when Al announced that he was moving in with 'friends' Jake and Rose?

Arguably, yes. It was a change of address, and a woman was living at the new address, even though Al was describing her as his landlady. Failure to check this looks like naivety in hindsight, and one of the key attributes of RoH work is to "have hindsight in advance."

Failure to take these two actions has left both him and his employer in an exposed position. Linked to the previous question, Al clearly had a very antisocial attitude to women, and if there was any question of him forming a relationship with a 'new' woman, that woman would be at potential risk.

Potential further question: If Mark had identified that Al had started a new relationship, would he have felt able to ensure that Rose (the 'new' woman) was aware of Mark's previous behaviour towards his woman partner? (Most probation practitioners seem fairly clear that they have a duty to inform a woman if their new partner has a record of harming a child, but are not always so sure that they have the same duty if their new partner has a record of harming a previous partner.)