

Safety Recovery – Safety Intervention Meeting

Safety Intervention Meeting (SIM)

What is it?

The Safety Intervention Meeting (SIM) is a multi-disciplinary safety risk management meeting, chaired by a senior manager. It focusses on those who are deemed as posing a significant risk to harming themselves or others and provides assurance that individuals are managed and supported appropriately.

Why is it important?

It brings together staff and expertise from across the prison, to enable a multidisciplinary response to identifying, managing and mitigating the risks, posed by individuals within their establishment, who are at a particularly higher risk of causing harm either to themselves, others or both. This can include complex cases, where individuals demonstrate particularly persistent or increased severity of harm to themselves, others or both.

What is the purpose?

The purpose of the SIM is to:

- To enable a response to those posing a significant risk to themselves others or both.
- Provide an avenue of expertise and management of those requiring active engagement and support, during a period where the risk is deemed significant.
- Provide a forum for key multi-disciplinary discussions, focussed on the individual's needs.
- Improve information sharing between the relevant departments.
- Identify those who require additional input to their case management.
- Deliver documented risk management.

What should it cover?

Suggested agenda items include:

- Introductions and apologies.
- Previous minutes and actions.
- Discuss SIM referrals and make decisions for SIM support, if proportionate.
- Discuss progress, actions and make care decisions for those who are deemed a significant to risk to themselves, others or both.
- Cell Sharing Risk Assessment Reviews (CSRR); multi-disciplinary input.
- Segregation; consider those located within segregation for long periods and those meeting the criteria of significant risk (ACCT/CSIP). Make care decisions and communicate actions with the relevant teams.

- Re-cap of actions and check understanding.
- Date and time of next meeting; to be in-line with the establishment frequency.

Who should attend?

Membership should include:

- Head of Residence
- Head of Safer Custody
- Security and Intelligence representative
- OMU representative
- Healthcare representative (mental health, substance misuse, psychology)
- Learning and Skills/Industries representative

Consider:

- Invitations to be shared with those appropriate to a person's care, for example:
 - Chaplaincy / Pastoral Care Representative
 - Unit Custodial Manager / Supervisor
 - Key-worker / Other staff support