



S.O.R.A.M.

Sex Offender
Risk Assessment
and
Management

SORAM

- Multi Agency model for sex offender management
 - An Garda Síochána
 - Probation Service
 - Children and Family Service (HSE)
 - Irish Prison Service
- Aims to enhance communication, improve working relationships and make effective use of resources
- Thereby increasing child and public protection



Context

- Sex Offender Act 2001
 - Notification (Name, address) – 1,300
 - Post Release Supervision – 170
 - 350 in prison
- Operational realities/pressures of high risk offender throughcare

Development

- Development of working relationship between central points of contact (Police/Probation)
- Joint working of very high risk cases
- Initial Pilot (Phase 1 - June 2010)
- Invitation to the Health Service Executive (Nov 2010)
- Extension of Pilot (Phase 2 – 2012)
- Invitation to Irish Prison Service (Jan 2013)
- Extension of Pilot (Phase 3 – 2013)



Risk Assessment

- All Island Commitment (PPAG)
- Development of joint work practices
- Introduction of Risk Matrix 2000
- Introduction of Stable and Acute 2007
- Developing our Training Capability
- Ongoing Research

SORAM Model

- National SORAM Steering Group
- 28 Local SORAM Teams
 - Guidance Document
 - Sex Offender Details Form
 - Risk Assessments
 - Risk Assessment and Management Plan
 - On-going review/revision
- National (Co-located) SORAM Office

Strengths

- Very well received by operational staff
- Common language, common understanding of risk, shared weight of responsibility
- Higher quality assessments/levels of collateral information
- High quality of offender management/ levels of inter agency co-operation
- Ripple effect to other areas of work

Target Areas

- Support for the Local Teams
- Continuous Professional Development regarding application of risk assessment instruments
- Research
- Underpinning Legislation
- Supporting enhanced practice/Manual of Practice
- Cross Jurisdictional linkages