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 interagency 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