

Alternatives to Detention: The Big Picture

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

1. Introduction.
2. The bigger picture – is there one?
3. PC-CP and the Council of Europe.
4. Some current issues.
5. The future.





BIGGER PICTURE – WHAT ALTERNATIVES? TO WHAT? STAND-ALONE OR SUBSTITUTE?

- **Community sanctions and measures** means sanctions and measures which maintain suspects or offenders in the community and involve some restrictions on their liberty through the imposition of conditions and/or obligations. The term designates any sanction imposed by a judicial or administrative authority, and any measure taken before or instead of a decision on a sanction, as well as ways of enforcing a sentence of imprisonment outside a prison establishment.





BIGGER PICTURE – SOME ISSUES

- Vision for the future.
- Legislation versus administration.
- Standardisation – individualisation.
- Who are incarcerated?
- Mass incarceration.
- Mass supervision.
- Technology.
- Privatisation.
- Specific groups – foreign nationals.





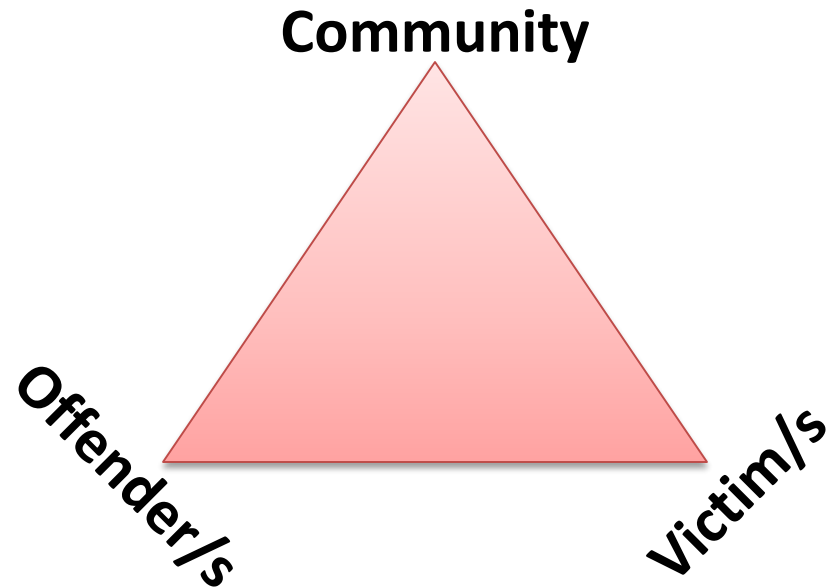
'WHY?' – ROLE CLARITY

- **Example: – Probation in Ireland > safer & fairer Ireland**
 - 1) **Manage court orders**
 - 2) **Reduce risk of harm**
 - 3) **Reduce likelihood of reoffending**
 - 4) **Make good the harm caused by crime**



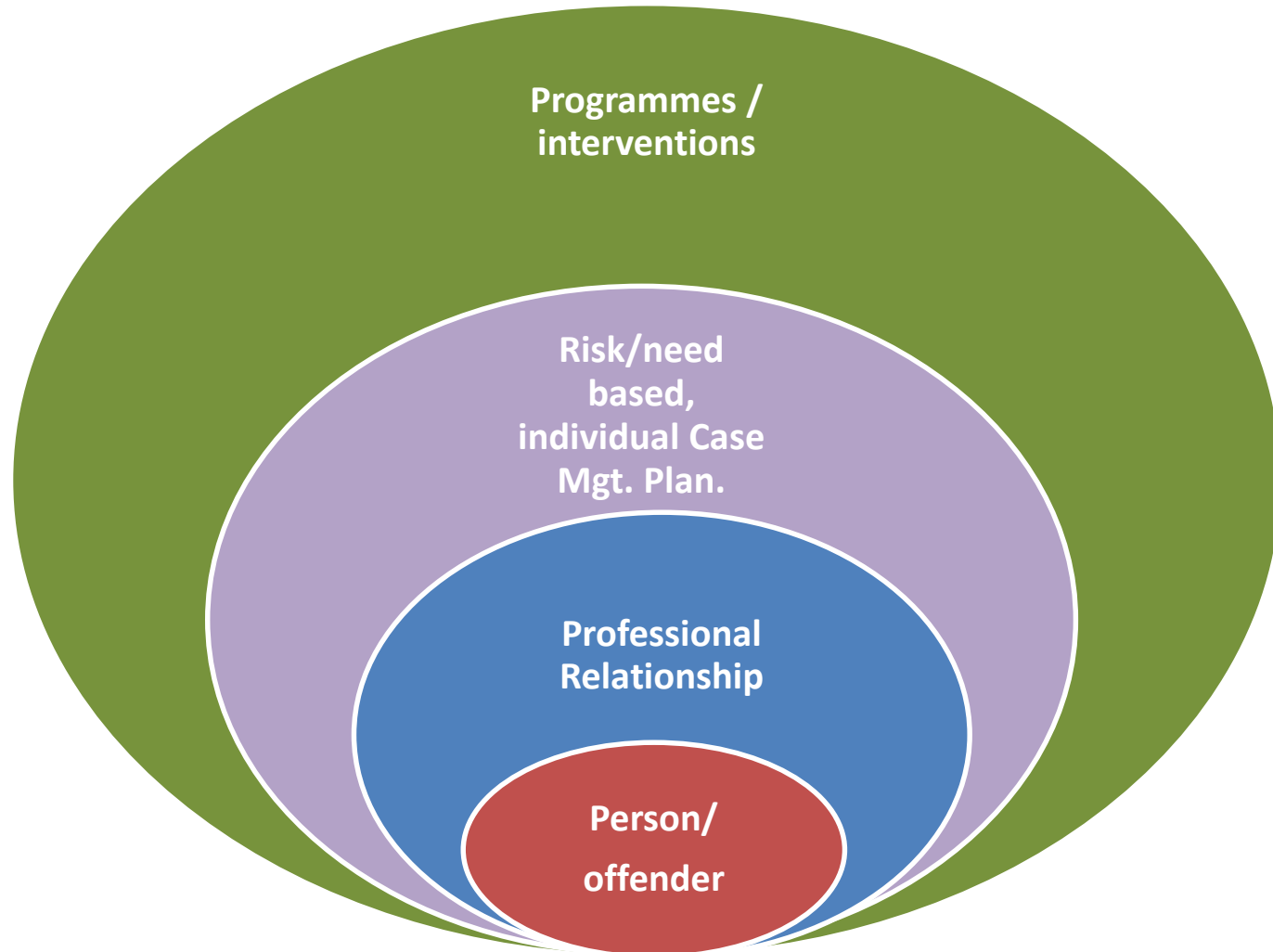


CRIME/JUSTICE STAKEHOLDERS





FRAMEWORK FOR PROBATION WORK





SUPRANATIONAL BODIES

- **EU.**
- **Council of Europe.**
- **CEP.**
- **Europriis.**
- **European Forum for RJ, CJPE.**
- **Partnerships – bilateral, projects.**





PC-CP CURRENT WORK PROGRAMME

- **Updating the Rules on Community Sanctions and Measures.**
- **Handbook (+ guidelines) on Radicalization to Violent Extremism.**
- **Prison overcrowding.**
- **Review of CoE (prison & probation) Guidelines.**
- **CDPPS.**





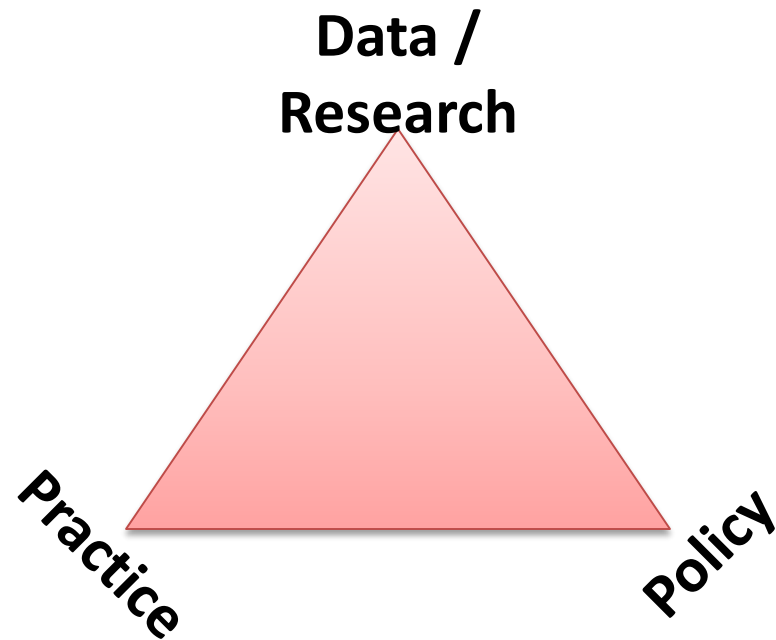
PC-CP FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

- **Reviewing / updating the EPR commentary.**
- **Children of prisoners.**
- **Restorative Justice.**
- **Mental illness and offenders.**
- **Sex offenders.**
- **Resettlement and reintegration?**





EVIDENCE-INFORMED DECISIONS





CAPACITY BUILDING

- **22nd CDPPS Conference 2017 – Lillestrøm, Norway.**
- **Theme: 'Staff Recruitment, Training & Development.'**
- **SPACE I & II statistics.**
- **Policy development and transfer.**





ASPECTS OF THE CURRENT CONTEXT

- **Demography, politics and ideology.**
- **Brexit.**
- **Emergence of new systems.**
- **Rebuilding the old.**
- **Prison overcrowding.**
- **Increase in post-release supervision.**
- **Radicalisation to violent extremism.**
- **Advances in technology and ICT.**





BUT....!!

- **Values.**
- **Belief in positive potential to change, and make better.**
- **Second chance – rehabilitation.**
- **Professional relationship.**
- **Flexibility and prioritisation.**
- **Evidence-based practice.**



SOME POSSIBLE FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS



- **Contribute to CoE, CEP, Europris, EFRJ etc.**
- **Emerging issues – e.g. children of prisoners, service user engagement; and 'old' ones e.g. mental illness.**
- **Research networks.**
- **Co-operation for Implementation.**
- **Flexibility, combined with caution regarding 'seduction.'**





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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS.

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