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MANDATORY AFTERCARE SCHEME OF SINGAPORE PRISON SERVICE

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Overview

- Brief intro to Singapore
- Rationale for the Mandatory Aftercare Scheme (MAS)
- Features of the MAS
- Key ingredients of change
- The Integrated Criminogenic Programme
- Case management & counselling
- Effectiveness of the MAS

Introduction to Singapore

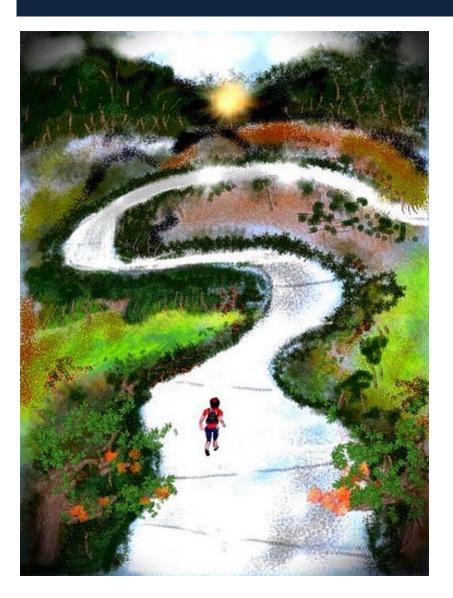
- Modern city state
- 13, 000 offenders
- 2000 officers,300 civilians







Rationale for the Mandatory Aftercare Scheme



- Public safety
- Entrenched criminal lifestyles, drug offences
- Incarceration impacts reintegration
- High risk offenders require more support
- Sufficient scaffolding require in aftercare

Features of the MAS

Phase 1

In Prison

Phase 2

In Community

Admission to Pre-release Centre

Risk Assessment Generic Interventions

Integrated Criminogenic Programme Supervision with Mandatory Casework

Halfway House

Home Detention **Community Reintegration**

Key Ingredients of Change

- Structuring of supervisee's environment
- Building motivation for treatment/change
- Working Alliance
- Building hope
- Facilitating pro-social pathways
- Narrative Identity





Integrated Criminogenic Programme

- Aligned with correctional research
- Cognitive behavioural approach
- Offending Cycle
- Self Cycle
- Booster sessions



Case management & Counselling

- Assess dynamic risk to non-compliance & reoffending
- Address survival & reintegration needs
- Reinforce skills & apply to real life situations
- Working with supervisees in their communities
- Holistic plan with multiple stakeholders





Key Features

- Dynamic Risk Assessment of Offender Re-entry (DRAOR)
 - Assists in offender management
 - Reviews changes in an offender's reintegration into community
 - Consists of 19 risk items, grouped under Stable, Acute & Protective
- Effective Practice In Community Supervision(EPICS)
 - Facilitates the application of Core Correctional Practices
 - Focuses on Criminogenic needs
 - Adopts a social learning, cognitive-behavioural approach in the interactions with offenders

Effectiveness of the Interim MAS

- Recidivism data not yet available
- Programme evaluation on-going
- Preliminary analyses promising, tentative evidence of effectiveness



Dealing with Compassion Fatigue

- Monitor staff's compassion fatigue periodically
- Conduct clinical supervision & coaching of staff regularly
- Establish crisis framework to deal with crisis situations
- Mitigate administrative workload
- Leverage on technology to facilitate work

