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Multi-Agency approach, case of Latvia

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Year 2006

State Probation Service takes over from State Police Supervision of Offenders.

Sexual Offenders are supervised as «regular» offenders, without any specialized methods.

A few cases showed need for special Risk and Need assessment tool, specialized programs, and interviewing methods, as well as some forms of partnership between instances, society.





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You have to deal with Sex offenders case...



RESPONSIBILITY
ABEYANCE
EXPECTATIONS
STRESS





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What to do?



Does it solves problem?



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If we look around...





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We can do the same!





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Year 2009-2011

Norway funded project to develop system in work with sexual offenders

- Training of the staff;
- Risk assessment tools - Static 99, Acute, Stable;
- Thams Valley program;
- **Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA)**
- Circles of Support and Accountability (COSA)



Agreement between Police, Prison Service and Probation Service.



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Why Multi Agency Approach (MAPPA)? – triple «right»

Right process,
which ensures
right measures,
for **right** person
at the **right**
moment.





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“Players” of the MAPPA in Latvia

Appointed persons from:

Police

Prison Service

Probation

Additional partners:

Family court,

Social service,

Psychologists,

Coordinator from COSA program,

etc.





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MAPPA and the Risk ...



The desirable outcome of MAPPA is effective risk management. However, this should not be understood as 'zero risk' as this position can never be achieved ... Risk management should be understood as 'harm reduction' ...

The Risk as term is viewed **not from single institution perspective, it is a joint assessment.**

Identifies:

- likelihood of serious harm occurring
- the likely impact
- the likely victim
- offenders need for rehabilitation, social support, assistance



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MAPPA referral process



During imprisonment

In the beginning of sentence, in case of early release, or within 3 months period before end of sentence MAPPA process takes place, if:

- High risk level
- Medium risk level, but some critical criteria are High risk



During execution of sentence in society:

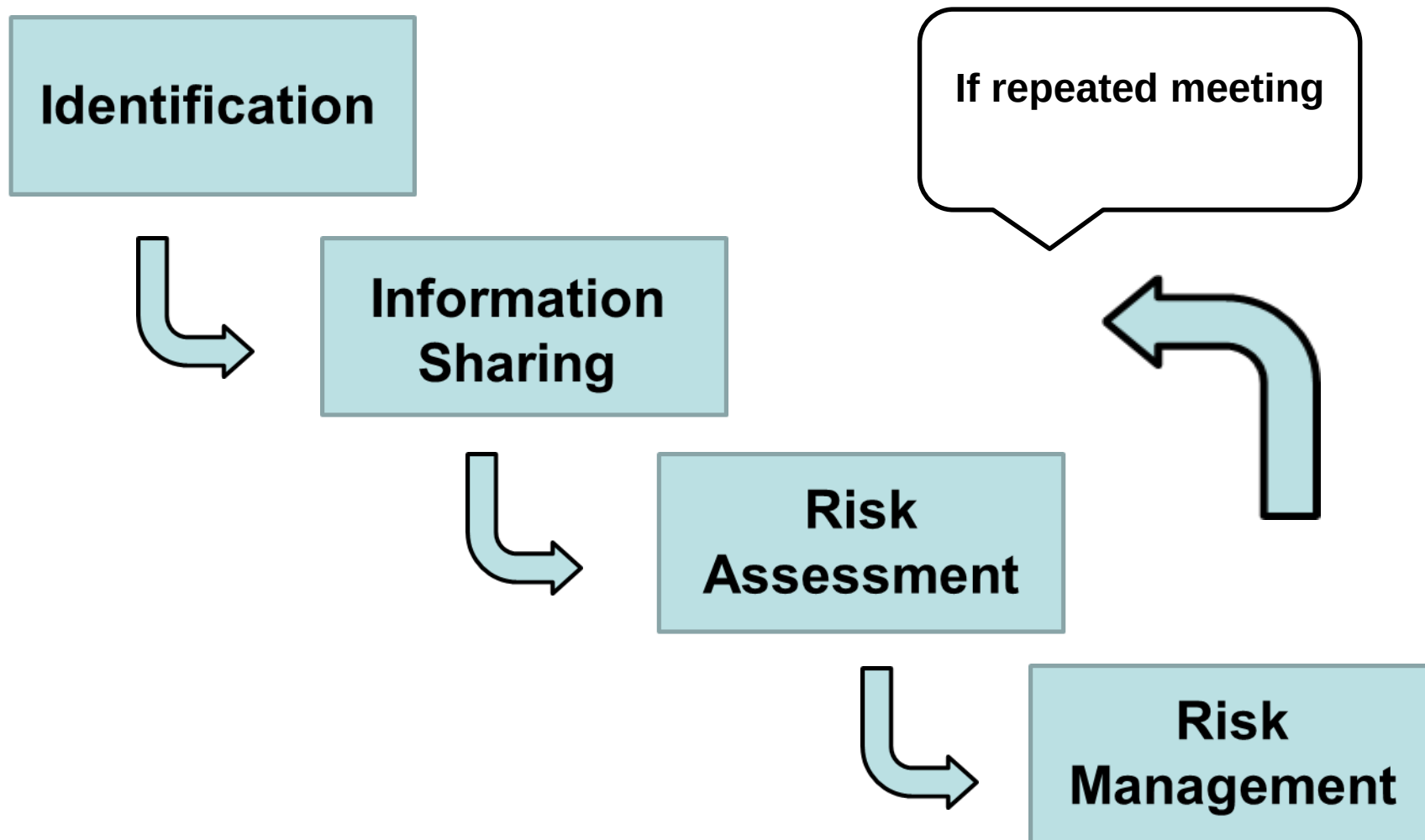
- Violent crimes (including sexual);
- Juvenile offenders;
- Radicalised;
- Offenders with mental health problems.

Overall concept – if criminogenic needs can't be covered by responsible authority alone - MAPPA process takes place.



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MAPPA process





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Information sharing



Shift of thinking - move away from a culture «My information» to «Our information»

Information exchange is allowed, taking into account aspects like:

- Data protection,
- Human rights,
- Necessity,
- Proportionality.

Channel - Agreement supports use of official e-mails.

Minutes from the MAPPA (Who? What? When? - does)
Minutes has a status of the Restricted access.



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MAPPA strategies

Denial of the guilt- impossible to work with offenders attitude, responsibility, more efforts to setting boundaries, restrictions, obligations.

Acceptance of the guilt- possibility to work with offenders attitude, real criminogenic factors, cognitive distortions, needs. More support, less control.





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MAPPA in Latvia - Why ?



Gives authority / improves system of information exchange;
Agencies no longer working in isolation or making critical decisions alone;
Experts from different agencies contribute to overall risk plan;
Risk assessments more accurate - less mistakes;
Provides support to perform current function;
Learning skills and best practice from each other;
Support for decision making, proactive attitude;
As the result - increased public confidence, safety.



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Need to consider

Start with the most needed

Try to involve all needed «players»

Legal base

Cultural/historical aspects

Safe channels to exchange information (cripted e-mails etc)

Leading towards goal – targeted management of the meeting

Building trust (not criticizing)

Easy process for to prepare minutes from meeting (include just necessary)

Access to MAPPA minutes, prescriptions to share





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