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## **Ways forward and closing words**

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- **Satellite tracking** – come into its own – what is its place in the spectrum of EM services
- **Data generation** – capacity to analyse and the rights to the information/intelligence
- **Police** – GPS and the police stake in EM –poses challenge to probation values
- **Remote Alcohol Monitoring** – improvements in technology new potential, ethical issues
- **Offender Experience** – consent, compliance and comfort – ‘seeing experience through offenders’ eyes



## Towards the Gold Standard ..

The gold standard of EM use(s) will not, cannot - be found in technology alone, but in the broader and deeper set of values and practices which inform and express our understanding of why people offend and what it takes to punish, control, reform and reintegrate them in a civilised way. EM will only be used wisely and well in countries which utilise to the full the strengths of humanistic measures and use EM to remedy their limitations rather than displacing them.



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.... modestly recognising that EM can, if necessary, add in a constructive element of control to existing forms of supervising offenders in the community, and help to reduce systemic reliance on the use of custodial sentences. The practical means to enable desistance and the moral & political commitment to reducing both crime and prison use must come from a vital sense of social solidarity and a recognition that offenders are people, Where that sense fails or falters EM technology will be expected to accomplish more than it can reasonably achieve and will be put to misguided use.



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- Technology is not a substitute for human intervention and support
- All practitioners need knowledge and awareness of what technology offers
- Public education about technological capacity is essential to lessen unreal expectations
- Research and hard evidence is needed to identify the gold standard and to inform the massive expansion of EM in Europe



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- Sense of purpose in the use of EM so it fits into criminal justice strategy and planning
- Respectful of the views of victims and offenders in developing EM
- Importance of using EM to reduce imprisonment taking care to avoid net widening.