



Mental Health Management in the Irish Prison Service

A tripartite approach to better mental health
services



Our Model - 3 Arms of Provision in collaboration with the National Forensic Mental Health Service

1. In prison caseload
2. Higher Support Unit – internationally acknowledged
3. Pre Release Preparation(PReP) – internationally
acknowledged



Challenges

- Roll out of the model across all prisons
- Resourcing the teams
- No statutory MAPPA – for complex discharges
 - **Multi Agency Meetings – meaningful collaboration**
- Relying on voluntary engagement of community services
- “Kicking the can down the road” –v- community capacity/resources
- Co – morbidities
- Tarasoff guidelines
- Pareto (80/20) principle