

Probation Rules: Reflection and Application

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History Of the Rules – How They Were Developed

- ▶ Council for Penological Co-operation - worked with two experts to draft the rules Leo Triggers & Professor Rob Canton
- ▶ Consultation European Committee on Crime - All member states represented
- ▶ Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe adopted the European Probation Rules 2010.
- ▶ Draw on the principles of Human Right and Ethical Commitments shared by the 47 - member states of the Council
- ▶ Guide Probation Practice across Europe

The Purpose/Principles of the Rules

- ▶ Model of Prison Rules
- ▶ To affirm the importance of Probation
- ▶ Increasing awareness of the impact of Community Sentences
- ▶ Highlight the unintended consequences or intended consequences of non-compliance of Community Sentences

European Probation Rules

- I. Scope, application, definitions, basic principles
- II. Organisation and staff
- III. Accountability and relations with other agencies
- IV. Probation work: tasks and responsibilities ...
- V. processes of supervision ...
- VI. ... work with victims of crime
- VII. Complaint procedures, inspection and monitoring
- VIII. Research, evaluation, work with the media and the public

Glossary

Memorandum / Commentary

Finding out the Impact of the EPR The STREAM Project (2015-2015)

- ▶ Has the EPR influenced policy and practice in member states
- ▶ How are the EPR been used
- ▶ What have been the difficulties that have impacted implementation
- ▶ To identify any strengths or area for developments of EPR drawing on the experience of implementation

How Do the Rule Impact on Practice/Policy

- ▶ Detailed guidance
- ▶ Influencing legislation
- ▶ Informing National Standards for practice
- ▶ Inspection procedure
- ▶ Training
- ▶ Benchmarking

Challenges – Implementation

- ▶ Not all are relevant (e.g. victim work)
- ▶ Practices being ‘imposed’ from outside
- ▶ Areas already performing to a high standard
- ▶ What does probation practices mean in different Countries , e.g. ‘control and monitoring’ of those subject to community sanctions take priority over rehabilitation and community reintegration.

Future Developments – To Consider

- ▶ UK Probation post transforming rehabilitation
- ▶ Impact of COVID and Human Rights
 - ▶ Move to increased use of technologies
 - ▶ Relationships - People on Probation and wider partnerships and organisations

Future Development Equality Diversity

- ▶ Inequality inequalities
 - ▶ Person on Probation
 - ▶ Victim Crime
- ▶ Protected Characteristics
 - ▶ 2010 Equality Act
- ▶ Intersectionality
 - ▶ Gender Identities

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS – What Next

- ▶ Research Project – CEP
 - ▶ Views of Managers, Practitioners & Service Users
- ▶ Good Practice Manuals
- ▶ Framework for assessing good/best practice
- ▶ Influence ,Probation Officer training, Judges , Magistrates
- ▶ Review and Refresh



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Any Questions

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