



### **Workshop session 3**

#### **Alcohol Monitoring: changing lives?**

Excessive alcohol consumption is often a contributing factor to crime and is linked to non-compliance and reoffending during periods on bail, community sentences and following release from custody. Various technologies are available to monitor alcohol consumption remotely including alcohol, or sobriety, tags and breathalysers, which have been shown to provide reliable means to monitor the alcohol consumption of people subject to court orders in England and Wales and elsewhere. For example, experience from England and Wales suggests alcohol tags have been a supportive factor in the over 97% compliance with requirements to not drink alcohol (measured as percentage of days without alcohol consumption alert or device tamper').

This workshop will explore a range of issues relating to the use of remote alcohol monitoring technologies including advantages and disadvantages of currently available technologies (tags, breathalysers, car locks) and potential requirements for new technologies. It will explore legal, ethical, medical and practical issues of using these technologies as well as potential target groups. Finally, it will explore measures which need to be put in place to ensure that effective support is provided to people subject to remote alcohol monitoring to increase compliance and support longer term desistence.