What are the issues that need to be addressed to ensure that EM is responsive to different groups of wearers?

Technoöogy - wearable? Design not suitable for women or children. Despite improvements tags still clunky.

Resources, knowledge, personal contact by practitioners, legal frameworks.

Technology - could tags be removable when not being usea? EG outside of curfew times

Technology - different technologies for different types of cohort. EM for support rather than a punishment.

Different colours to match skin tone

Better battery life

Risc assessment, different types of equipment, do the positive effects of EM way up to stigma, consider poverty (costs of electricity), consider environment (suitable house)

- Clothing - Type of work - Family situation - Heroism - Culture

Small pool of tech, not suitable for women and children.



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Regional/remote areas can impact access

EM is not always connected to the wider criminal justice pathway, and should be used alongside rehabilitative services.

Body dimensions - ankle size for example. Medical considerations - diabetes. Colour of tag - ethnicity considerations. History of trauma and fitting of tags. Religious & lifestyle considerations. Probation workload, training & fatigue.

Geo-political challenges in Europe including border crossing

What was interesting is that in the case of Switzerland it seems that the usage is also with Juveniles. One interesting example is when it was used with a 10 year old. The difference in pre-trial too, innocent until proven guilty.

1) take into account many issues, physical and psychological; follow the clients' needs

Small groups of people on tags e.g. women/ethnic minorities for the country, can lead to a lack of specialist skills.

Size of devices - large uncomfortable. Not discreet.2 parts of the tech - wearers often leave one part behind especially young people. Field force training to ensure instructions are understood. Translation services.

Life style, adapt to schedules



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It is not applicable for anyone i.e. psychotic disrders, but programme should be made with respect of boundaries which could be met





What measures are in place in your country to ensure equity and fairness for all individuals subject to EM, irrespective of who they are?

Personalised sentence plan Finland. All measures applicable to all crimes in Netherlands. Legislation - AML AAMR - in England and Wales. (Consistency)

Involvement of Probation staff in court sentencing ensures more appropriate orders that accommodate lifestyle needs of wearers

Incremental sizing for straps, including half sizes

Working with service users who may experience challenges to access e.g. landline tech and power supply.

Northern Territories - have an app for indigenous people in different languages explaining the service and how their programme will work.

Draft legislation in malta includes provision for appointment of a specific regulator/inspector to oversee EM and make recommendations for improvements, which may be legislative or operational

Feedback from service users themselves is key.



How can we make EM more responsive to wearers' different backgrounds, characteristics and needs?

Risk/responsitivity assessments. More focus on responsitivity piece. Individualized use of EM tailored towards different cohorts of people.

Address digital deprivation

Adaptive and assistive technology for people with cognitive and neurodiverse challenges.

Move away from a one size fits all service

With carefull assessment of each clients situatie. Example talking to family and get to know the client.

Proportionality - range of technoöogy to support proportionality (EG. Non fitted devices)

Use pre-sentencing report effectively to build in flexibility

Flexible to allow for a job, child care, education etc

Different types of equipment, better batteries, no replacement of positive human contact, consider religion, (mental) Health problems, human support next to EM



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The judge, so its either the court or the prison services. As with the Maltese example its only the prison

