



**College of
Policing**

Active Risk Management System

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ARMS

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AIMS

- **Background to Police Offender Management**
- **Background to the development of ARMS**
- **ARMS risk factors**
- **ARMS protective factors**
- **Future for ARMS and evaluation**
- **Workshop for ARMS/SA07**

BACKGROUND

- **Police as Offender Managers**
- **Knowledge of assessments**
- **Better way of doing things**
- **Increasing demand**

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WHY ARMS ?

- **Provides a standard for assessing dynamic risk factors**
- **Draws upon evidence to identify significantly predictive risk factors**
- **Considers protective factors in the case**
- **Re-defines risk to be more relative to work required**
- **Draws together findings into a case formulation**
- **Gives consistency to the assessment and management of risk**
- **Gives a priority to manage offenders**

Governance

- **ACPO and NOMS approved**
- **Police Lead for MOSAVO approval and support**
- **National Lead for Violence Public Protection**
- **IPCC**
- **HMIC/P**
- **National College of Policing**
- **National Policing Chief Committee**

Progress

- **3 Pilot Studies**
- **Ongoing Evaluation Studies**
- **Development into implementation**
- **Police training complete**
- **National Probation Service**

Empirically supported risk factors

Meaningful Risk Factors

Hanson and Bussiere 1998, Hanson and Morton-Bourgon 2005,

Significant predictive value for sexual recidivism

- Sexual preoccupation
- Sexual preference for children
- Sexualised violence
- Multiple paraphilia's
- Offence supportive attitudes
- Emotional congruence with children
- Lack of intimate adult relationships
- Lifestyle impulsiveness
- Poor problem solving
- Resistance to rules and supervision
- Grievance/hostility
- Negative social influences

Identified 7 Risk Factors

Some Proposals on the Nature of Psychologically Meaningful Risk Factors

Thornton, Hanson and Mann 2010

- **Opportunity to offend**
- **Offence related Sexual interests**
- **Sexual Pre-occupation**
- **Emotional Congruence to children**
- **Hostile Orientation**
- **Poor Self Management**
- **Anti Social Influences**

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Protective Factors

- **Polar Opposites of Risk ?**
- **Recognising the positive changes**
- **Enhance accuracy of risk assessments**
- **Counteract bias in assessments**
- **Create less anxiety for offenders**

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Identified 5 Protective Factors

- **Pro-Social Network**
- **A Commitment to desist**
- **An intimate relationship**
- **Employment/Positive Routine**
- **Social Investment-‘Giving Something Back’**

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Next Steps

- **Training of all police offender manager practitioners**
- **Integrating ARMS into the MAPPA process**
- **Shifting approach towards a balance of a deficit and strength approach**
- **Evaluating integration of ARMS into practice**
- **Young Person ARMS**
- **Challenges**

QUESTIONS

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