

What is the Government Proposing?

- New legal detention powers based on risk
- Improved assessment processes
- Improved treatment for detainees
- Better research into what works
- Gradual process of supervised discharge into the community
- Expert support for local services
- Prevention

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Some Important Points about Risk (1)

- Risk can not be eliminated
- Risk is dynamic, constantly changing
- Risk may be general or specific
- Patients presenting risk to others are likely to present other forms of risk
- People with SPD have multiple needs and vulnerabilities

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Important Points about Risk (2)

- Rigorous assessment and good practice can reduce risk
- Good assessment can not be performed in isolation
- Robust risk management is multi-featured, multi-sourced and multi-agency
- Having identified risk there is an absolute duty of care to manage it

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Important Points about Risk (3)

- Fail-Safe Risk Management is Accurate, Complete & Communicable
- Some Interventions can be harmful
- People under section are not under oath
- Risk behaviours can be displayed by individuals and by organisations

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Risk Management can be improved by combining lessons learned in clinical practice with what is already known in four areas of inquiry:-

- Research on the prediction of violence
- The clinical decision making and clinical judgements
- The literature on treatment outcome and programme evaluation
- Published inquiry reports since the Richie Report in 1994

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Inquiry Reports

Highlight Key Areas of Concern (1)

- Lack of rigorous objective and comprehensive risk assessment
- Failures in multi-disciplinary working
- Failures in inter-agency collaboration and information sharing
- Failures to include patients and their families or carers sufficiently in the risk assessment process

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Inquiry Reports

Highlight Key Areas of Concern (2)

- Failures in translating risk assessment information into risk management
- Failures in meeting the needs of people who pose risk to themselves or others
- Failures in Audit and Review

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Psychologists continue to make core contributions

- Through R & D, and support to local services making assessment as robust and evidenced based as possible
- Providing measurement models rather than prediction models
- Working with patients, families, colleagues to contribute to prevention strategies and to the development of legal and clinical safeguards against false positives and unnecessary detention
- Reassuring those with unnecessary fears
- Ensuring public expectations are realistic:
 We are not creating a totally safe society
- Resourcing the system by providing effective treatment prevention and case management

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What is the RAMAS?

Risk Assessment, Management and Audit Systems RAMAS was developed in 1994 to:

- ensure that people who pose a risk to themselves or to others do not “fall through the care net”
- ensure that a comprehensive health, social and personal needs assessment is carried out for everyone who comes into contact with services
- ensure that a clear, accurate, complete risk assessment is carried out in order to collate the “intelligence” through which robust risk management and audit may be made
- To provide a common language for inter-agency communication and collaboration on risk
- facilitate an integrated, co-ordinated, user friendly and positive approach to public safety and individual care
- facilitate case and workload management through a standardised method which provides evidence based care, clear, shared goals and good practice

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The Four Domains of RAMAS

RAMAS helps you Assess, Manage and Audit risk of:-

- Dangerousness
- Mental Instability
- Self Harm / Suicide Risk
- Vulnerability

Definitions of Risk Markers

- **Dangerousness:** At risk of causing harm or danger or encouraging / involving others in the causing of harm or injury to others
- **Mental Instability:** At risk of self or others because of fluctuating and/or unpredictable mental health function especially in relation to command hallucinations and other 'at risk' psychotic or disturbed phenomena
- **Self Harm/Suicide:** At risk from self, intentional injury or killing oneself, action/behaviours destructive to one's own safety or health
- **Vulnerability:** At risk of or exposed to damage or harm by or by others (e.g. family, society or in care)

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