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Reducing Reoffending Project Third Action Learning Set (February 2014), Turin, IT.

Thursday 20 th February 2014	Agenda Item		Venue
09:30	Welcome from	Led by ERI	
09:50	Presentation by the ERI/ nominated Italian delegates on the Italian CJS	Led by ERI	
10:20	Action Learning Activity 1	Led by LJMU	
Coffee Break 11:00-11:20			
11:20	Presentation by MALS on the implementation and delivery of the LCP: a practitioner's view	Led by MALS Merseyside	
11:50	Action Learning Activity 2	Led by LJMU	
Lunch Break 12:40-13:40			
13:40	Presentation by LJMU Evaluation Team on emergent data issues and revised evaluation plans: an evaluator's view	Led by LJMU	
14.10	Presentation by ERI on implementation plans for LCP	Led by ERI	
14:50	Action Learning Activity 3	Led by LJMU	
Coffee Break 15:30-1600			
16:00	SMART Action Planning and Feedback	Facilitated by LJMU	
17:00	Close		

Details of the Agenda

Participants from overseas will arrive on Wednesday afternoon/evening (19 February) and will depart on Friday (21 February). Hence Thursday (20 February) will be the project working day.

9.30 - 11.00

Presentation by ERI

A presentation by the European Research Institute (ERI) or their nominee will be delivered. This presentation will outline the workings of the Italian criminal justice system and should cover themes such as:

- What is ERI, what is its remit and how does it fit within the criminal justice arena?
- Prosecution and sentencing;
- Community penalties/ restorative justice practices;
- Imprisonment rates and explanations for the low rates of imprisonment relative to population size;
- Profiles of offenders (including their social backgrounds);
- Any policies concerned with the rehabilitation of offenders and/or deterrence and prevention measures;

Action Learning Activity 1

- What progress/interventions has each of the partners made since the last meeting in June 2013?
- Discuss the context of any new intervention, however small
- Who is involved?
- What are the partnership arrangements?
- What are the mechanisms of change?
- What are the intended outcomes of the intervention? Were there any unintended outcomes?

11.20 – 12.40

MALS Merseyside will deliver a presentation which outlines the latest version of the life Change Programme training manual but also highlights their experiences to date of delivering the Life Change Programme (LCP) in the custodial setting of HMP Liverpool and in the community..

Action Learning Activity 2

ALS groups will discuss and work through an empirically informed hypothetical case study. Compare and contrast the processes and interventions raised by participants from the Italy, Netherlands and the UK. What works and what does not work for whom and what circumstances?

13.40 - 15.30

Presentation by LJMU

A presentation by the LJMU team will provide an evaluators viewpoint on some of the emergent issues with regard to the ongoing evaluation such as data issues and emerging insights into the case study evidence and the LCP in a custodial and community setting.

Presentation by ERI

A presentation by the European Research Institute (ERI) will be delivered on the proposal and plans for the implementation of the LCP.

Action Learning Activity 3

Precisely how will ERI implement and deliver the LCP?

Action learning groups each led by an Italian delegate will discuss and map out the potential strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT analysis) to the rolling out of the LCP.

A SWOT analysis is a planning and evaluation tool which provides a snapshot of a situation and can be used in a review situation to highlight areas of strength, weakness, opportunity and threat. The technique involves stating the objectives (e.g. the implementation of the LCP) and identifying the internal and external factors that either support or militate against achieving that objective. Hence the SWOT analysis can be used to help make decisions about the best path for effective implementation of the LCP.

Internal	External
Strengths	Weaknesses
Opportunities	Threats

16.00 – 17.30

Delegates will gather in their national groupings to discuss and produce a SMART action plan. This may seem laborious at first but persistence will be rewarded as properly produced SMART Action Plans tend to be achieved.

Specific		Measurable	Agreed	Realistic	Timely
What specifically is to be achieved?	What are the specific actions that need to be taken?	What will be the key tangible measures of success?	Who needs to agree with this action to ensure its successful completion?	How realistic is it that this action can be fully achieved given other pressures and constraints	What is it that makes this the right time to be pursuing this action?

Once each group of delegates has produced their SMART action plan, the delegates will reconvene together in one large group where each plan will be outlined.