



Diversion Programme

22 June 2017

Juvenile Liaison Officers DMR

6 Sergeants

43 JLOs

North Central

1 SGT

3 JLO

North

1 SGT

12 JLO

South Central

1 SGT

4 JLO

South

1 SGT

9 JLO

West

1 SGT

10 JLO

East

1 SGT

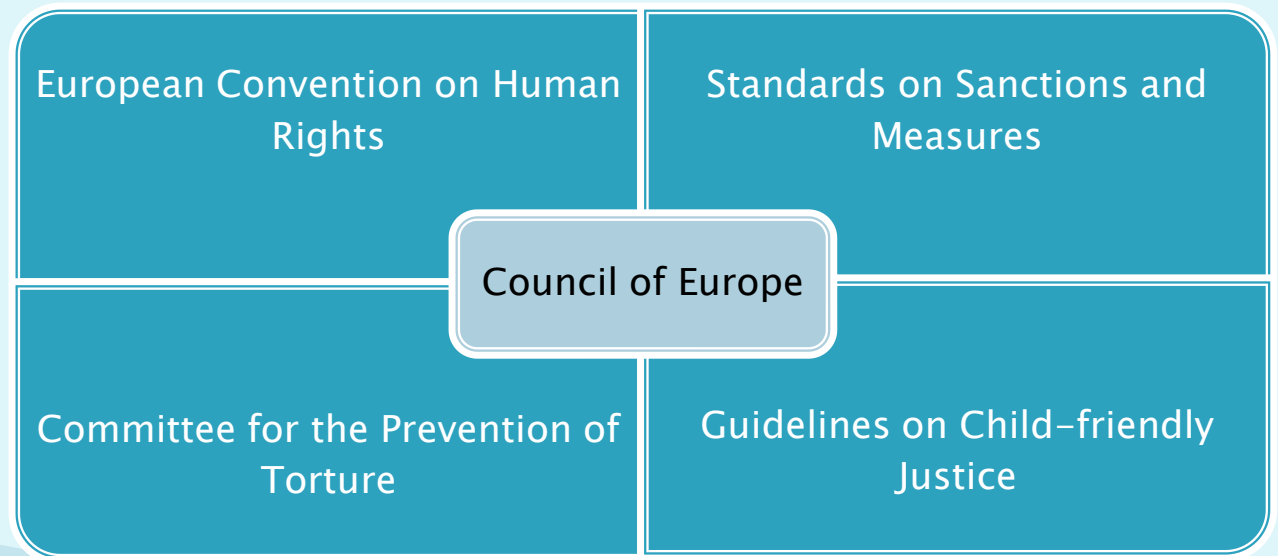
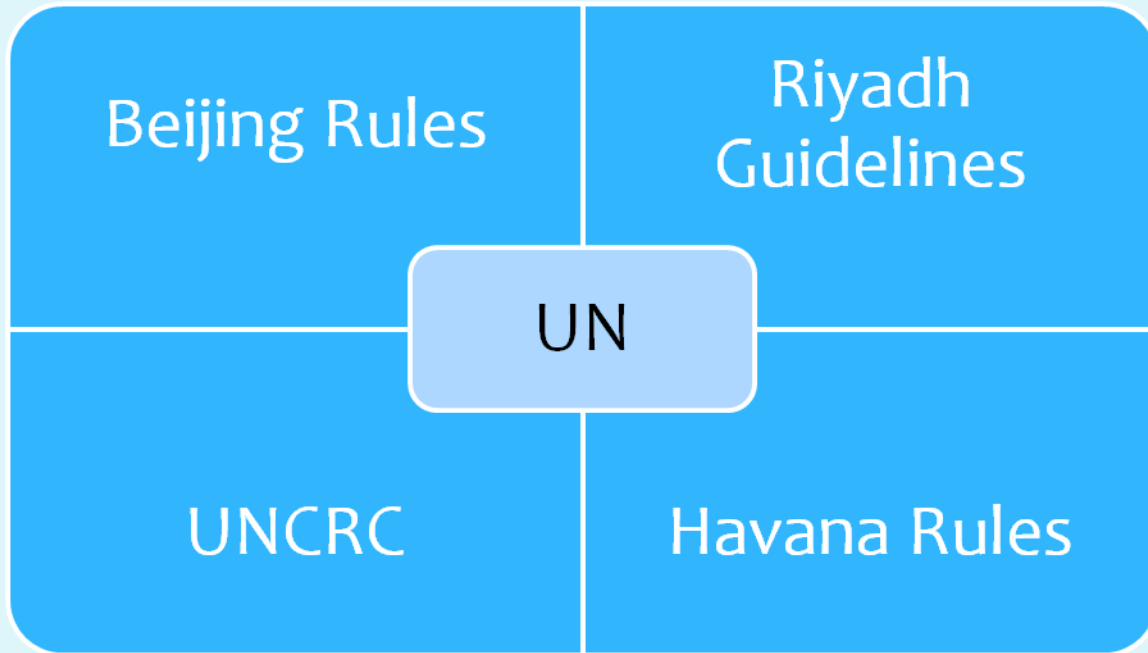
5 JLO



Welfare Model for Children and the Law

- ▶ Justice Models can be welfare oriented
- ▶ What does it mean for Gardaí to respond to the unmet needs of young people?
- ▶ Which system (welfare or justice) best protects the rights of young people?





Legislation & HQ Directives

- ▶ Part 4 Children Act 2001
- ▶ Criminal Justice Act 2006 sections 123–129
- ▶ HQ Directives 89/2010



Youth Justice Strategy

- ▶ Programme for Government
- ▶ Children & Young Peoples Policy Framework 2013–2017
- ▶ Youth Justice Action Plan 2013–2017



Diversion Core Principles

- ▶ Prevent further offending and protect child from the harshness of the criminal justice system
- ▶ Right to age/stage appropriate treatment
- ▶ Detention as a last resort
- ▶ Respect for Human Rights



Objective Diversion Programme

1. Divert Young People from further offending
2. Alternative to Court
3. No Conviction
4. Promote positive life choices
5. Build better relationships with young people, Gardaí, Victims & Community
6. Act in the best interest of the Child



Criteria for Admission

- Under 18 years of age.
- Accept responsibility for offending behaviour.
- Agree to undergo supervision by a Juvenile Liaison Officer.

- * All Offences



Decision to Admit

- Admission in the best interest of the child
- Not adverse to the interest of any victim & society



ALLEGED OFFENCE



Referral via PULSE (reviewed locally)



Assessed at Office of the Director of the Diversion Programme



Criteria Applied



JLO visit Young Person and Parents/Guardians



Investigation File & Suitability Report forwarded to my Office



Criteria Applied & Direct Admission



JLO Administer Caution



Suitable



Certificate issued deeming
Child Suitable to JLO



JLO Administer Caution
& Update System



Director view
National Picture

Unsuitable



Certificate Issued



File forwarded to
District Officer



DPP



Garda Youth Diversion Projects

Crumlin

- ▶ Brú
- ▶ Clay

Kevin Street

- ▶ Liberties
- ▶ Dan



Partners



- ▶ Colleagues at District/Divisional & Regional level
- ▶ Irish Youth Justice Service (IYJS)
- ▶ Department of Children & Youth (DCYA)
- ▶ Department of Education & Skills
- ▶ Tusla (Children & Family Agency)
- ▶ Young People's Probation (YPP)
- ▶ Legal Profession (Solicitors/Barristers)
- ▶ Director of Public Prosecutions
- ▶ Courts
- ▶ Community & Voluntary sectors

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