

JARC - Prevention by building bridges



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What is JARC?

The Joint Agency Response to Crime (JARC) Programme is a dynamic, multi-agency response to identified crime trends in local areas, delivered by An Garda Síochána (Irish Police Force); the Probation Service; the Irish Prison Service; and supported by the Department of Justice.



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Aims of JARC

- To develop and further strengthen a multi-agency approach to the management of offenders;
- To prioritise prolific offenders causing the most harm in communities, in order to develop strategies that will address their behaviour; and
- To reduce crime and victimisation in local communities.



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Programme Overview

- 140 clients managed across 7 location specific programmes
- 5 ACER programmes focus on prolific burglary offenders, whilst Bridge and Strive focus on prolific offenders that cause more serious harm
- ACER programmes currently being evaluated by independent evaluators with reports expected by Q4 this year



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Governance & Strategy Group

Provides leadership, sets the strategic direction.

Operational Teams

Responsible for the day to day management of clients.

Steering Groups

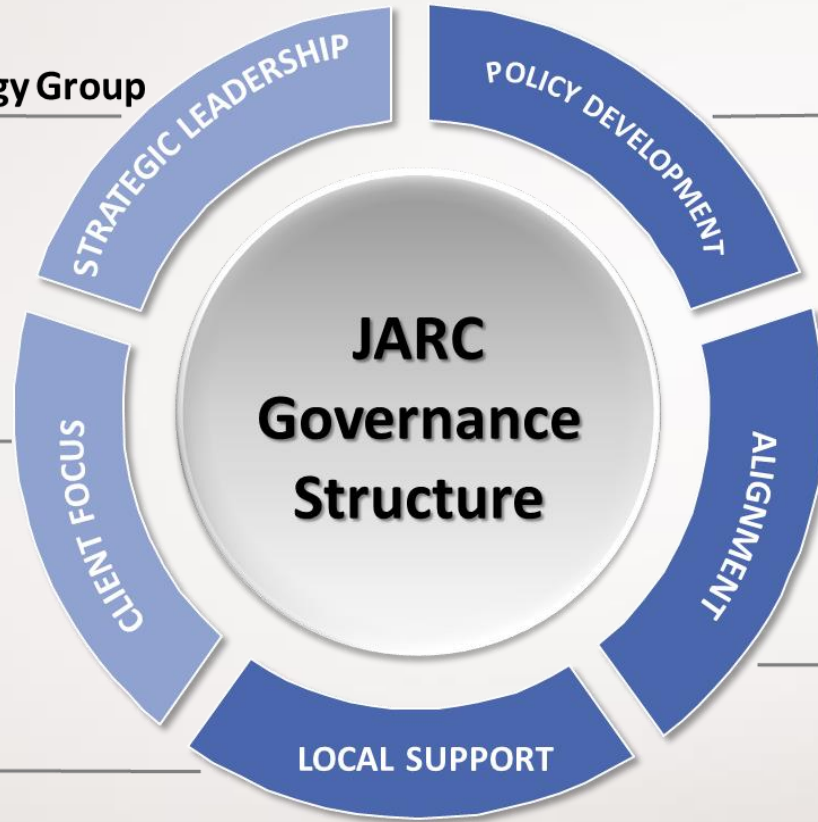
Local oversight, providing guidance and support.

Oversight Group

Monitors implementation,, provides policy guidance and support.

National Coordination Team

Coordinates, supports and oversees operational responses, strengthens alignment.



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Operational Teams

- Front line team – 3 agency, united front ; Probation Officer, Garda Case Manager, Prison officer for each participant
- Consider all referrals & assess suitability for participation
- Community or prison induction with client
- Responsibility for managing, monitoring & reviewing client engagement & progress - Case Management Plans
- Strengthened collaborative approach to service delivery



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Making It Work – Sharing Skills

- Probation Service – rehabilitation, relationship building, risk assessment instruments (LSI-R)
- An Garda Síochána - serving communities and protecting the state
- Irish Prison Service – custody & rehabilitation , sentence management, TR schemes, pre-release planning and prisoner incentive schemes



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Making It Work

- Local networking between agencies
- Building relationships & communication
- Respecting each agencies uniqueness
- Agreeing actions, distribution of resources and responsibilities
- Classification system for allocation resources
- Commitment by all to the shared vision – reducing crime & harm in our communities.



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Challenges

- Resources
- Client non-compliance/non-engagement
- Dealing with involuntary clients
- Covid restrictions for prolonged periods
- Urban VS Rural Divide – impacts on creation of inter-agency relationships



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Building Bridges by Cultural Reform

- Our three agencies have come a long way
- All justice agencies have undergone significant cultural changes in offender management.
- Rehabilitation was traditionally seen as a job for the Probation Service
- Opposing views of how success was measured
- JARC provides a holistic approach to offender management



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Benefits for Clients/Communities/Victims

- Visible joint agency approach to offender management which builds confidence and trust in the criminal justice system by providing a victim centred approach.
- Significant benefits to clients who engage through single points of contact.
- Our agencies benefit from stronger networks in managing recidivist offenders in the community



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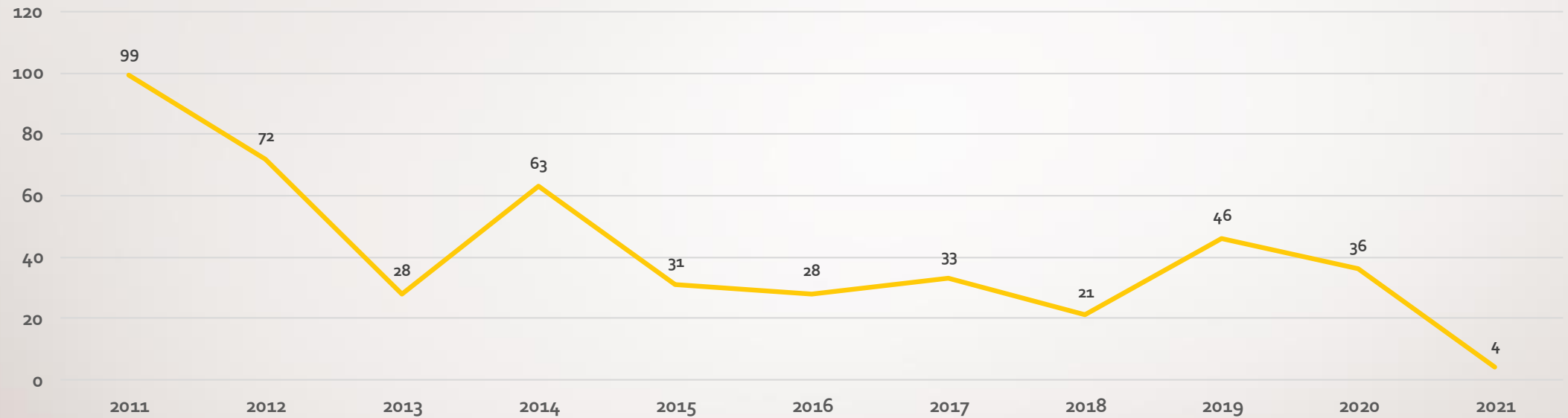
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Measuring Our Success

Burglary Incidents Associated with JARCClients



Data provided by the Garda Síochána Analysis Service – Mr William Rafferty



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Measuring Our Success

JARC Client – Burglary Incidents	2011-2015	2017-2021	% Change
JARC Client 1	9	4	-56%
JARC Client 2	38	45	+18%
JARC Client 3	8	6	-25%
JARC Client 4	8	0	-100%
JARC Client 5	34	5	-85%
JARC Client 6	16	9	-44%
JARC Client 7	11	1	-91%
JARC Client 8	29	0	-100%
JARC Client 9	4	3	-25%
JARC Client 10	13	5	-62%
JARC Client 11	9	21	+133%
JARC Client 12	11	1	-91%
JARC Client 13	17	4	-76%
JARC Client 14	6	3	-50%
JARC Client 15	21	0	-100%
JARC Client 16	2	7	+250%
JARC Client 17	57	26	-54%
Grand Total	293	140	-52%

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Going Forward

- Evaluations underway to inform decisions on expansion of the JARC initiative
- Using key learnings from JARC to establish new multi-agency structures to manage complex prison releases and life sentenced prisoners.
- Review of proposal for a National Offender Management Office



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Mission Statements



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*Working for a **safe**, fair, and inclusive Ireland.*



*Keeping people **safe**.*



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*Providing safe and secure custody, dignity of care and rehabilitation to prisoners for **safer communities**.*



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***Safer** communities and fewer victims through offender rehabilitation*