

Curfew/Electronic Monitoring: The Northern Ireland Experience

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Summary: Curfew/electronic monitoring (EM) was introduced in Northern Ireland on 1 April 2009 as part of the overall new Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 Sentencing Framework Implementation plan. This article looks at the wider picture of curfew/electronic monitoring across Europe, highlighting some of the experiences of other countries affiliated to the CEP–European Organisation for Probation. It also refers to research into effectiveness as well as some of the implementation issues and processes adopted for Northern Ireland. Curfew/EM is used as an additional requirement to a probation order and as a condition of licence following release from custody.

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