

# **A Country-Wide Approach to Increasing Programme Effectiveness is Possible: Oregon's Experience with the Correctional Program Checklist**

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**Summary:** This article describes the Correctional Program Checklist assessment process implemented in Oregon to meet the new legislative requirement that all state-funded correctional programmes be evidence based. On average, programmes scored in the 'needs improvement' evidence-based category at baseline but in the 'very satisfactory' category when reassessed. Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland could follow a similar process and achieve substantial gains in evidence-based practices and hence programme success.

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