RMA Interim Business Plan 2009-2010

Strategic Aim 1 - Best Practice

Business Strategic Priorities

We will promote best practice in the assessment and minimisation of risk of harm to others.

- Further Scotland's reputation as a leader in this field.
- Contribute to the development and implementation of criminal justice policy, in particular the Offender Management Programme, to ensure it is underpinned by best risk assessment and management practice.
- Engage key stakeholders and promote an understanding of the essential contribution risk assessment and management make to effective, defensible and ethical practice.
- Increase the effectiveness of existing policy initiatives, particularly the multi-agency public protection arrangements (MAPPA) as they are further developed and violent offenders are included within the arrangements.

Budget

Progress Report

FRAME PCC

Timescale

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SA 1.1	Ministerial / Policy		Running Costs	
SA 1.1.1	Provide advice on the development, implementation and review of policy through participation in the Offender Management Programme and membership of national working groups. CE & DoOD	On-going	Running costs	LSCMI Pilot Commenced – Training delivery completed SA07 Evaluation project commenced. Practitioner interviews have commenced Liaising with SGJD to agree wider remit for RMA involving provision of advice on the development and review of policy. Custodial Sentences Management PiB MAPPA working Groups

				Youth Justice Framework Impementation Group
SA 1.1.2	Promote Scotland's reputation as a leader in the field and ensure a credible authority and profile for the RMA by preparing papers for conferences, working parties and academic journals Respond to national and international interest in Scotland's approach to risk assessment and risk management. CE & DoOD	On-going	Running costs + events management	RMA will prepare paper for International Workshop run by Monash University in 2010. Draft paper due in Oct. – Abstract submitted on Managing High Risk Offenders Advice and support given to "vulnerable persons vetting unit" Advice and support given to SCEDA Swedish Board of Forensic Medicine visit hosted by one-day multi-agency event Application submitted for membership to the European for Probation
SA 1.1.3	Provide advice and/or information to Parliamentary Committees as and when required CE & DoOD	On-going	Running costs	
SA 1.1.4	Maintain close links with Justice Department by ensuring regular liaison to ensure effective contribution to and alignment with current policy. Board & SMT	On-going	Running costs	Meetings held with SGJD to agree Management Framework Agreement which focuses on a widened remit for the RMA Supporting the EPU with the national rollout of LSCMI

SA 1.2 Strategic Partnerships

SA 1.2.1	Foster relationships with stakeholders for collaborative and cross-cutting initiatives.	On-going	Running costs	ACPOS – Supporting the evaluation of SA07, approval received for RMA
			£3k event management	staff to access ViSOR
	CE & DoOD			SPS – Partnership working with staff on CPAI
				Renfrewshire Council – Supporting council staff in the implementation of the LSCMI pilot scheme
				Meeting Forensic Network in August to discuss partnership working
				North Strathclyde CJA – Agreed co- operation on training initiatives for LSCMI and CCP
				CREDOS

SA 1.3 Seminars and Conferences

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SA 1.3.1	Host conference SMT & CM	27 May 2009	£20k	Conference currently deferred to late autumn. Conference scheduled for May 2010 in collobaration with National MAPPA co-ordinator
				Main Conference deferred to Autumn 2010
SA 1.3.2	()	September 2009, and January 2010	£6k	Next best practice seminar event on "imminence" as requested by Edinburgh practitioners
	IM &CM			Working in Partnership conference arranged for 12 th May

March 2010

Resource Allocation: This strategic aim is primarily resourced by RMA staff with an allocation of £29k for events

Strategic Aim 2 – Research & Innovation

We will promote Scotland as an international leader in research and innovation in the field of offender risk assessment & risk management.

- Collaborate with universities and other centres of research and innovation in the criminal justice field, engage front-line practitioners and agencies in dialogue to identify research gaps.
- Review, disseminate and contribute to the international literature and knowledge base.
- Positively model and promote a culture of learning.
- Promote the place of evaluation as a core element of effective practice.
- Support Scottish Government's objectives by contributing research activity

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SA 2.1 LSCMI: Level Service Case Management Inventory

Running costs

SA 2.1.1	This project aims to support the effective implementation of the LSCMI by road testing the training, materials and Scottish amendments to the instrument. It will provide learning and guidance to inform the national implementation	Ongoing until March 2011	Running costs + temp Research assistant. Budget costs committed 2008-09 To inform national	3 Training events have been completed. Pilot proven to be a valuable learning experience. Refresher session to be held for first two groups and half day senior
	LSCMI implementation pilot for Renfrewshire CJSW. Revision and co-ordination of LSCMI Training materials, venue costs, training and implementation including 3 x 5 day pilot training events, trainers' fees and associated costs,	Renfrewshire implementation date is 16 th November.	LSCMI Standards. Testing LSCMI for the Scottish Government.	management training. Renfrewshire expected implementation date is August
	evaluation and incorporation of feedback	due 28 th February	Ties into violence risk assessment.	Temporary research assistant appointed
SA 2.1.2	Participation in PCC	Ongoing	Running costs	CE attending monthly national project control meetings

				RMA Training Officer developed links with pilot scheme and project manager of national programme
SA 2.1.3	LSCMI revisions, analysis and recommendation report.	November 2009 until March 2010	Running Costs	Findings and recommendations from pilot study being collated; significant work underway in relation to findings training materials and schedules being revised.

SA 2.2 FRAME: Framework for Risk Assessment, Management, and Evaluation £14k

SA 2.2.1	This project supports all of the RMA' strategic aims, and embraces all other projects. It also supports the work of the multi-agency FRAME PCC.	Ongoing – 5 year RMA project	Running costs	Basic Concepts established, secured agreement at strategic level with Tripartite Group.
	RMA project to develop a risk assessment and management framework for violent and sexual			Explored concepts with practitioners and senior managers
	offenders. The framework will provide a structured, tiered approach to risk assessment and management, which incorporates clear guidance for practitioners on proportionate, meaningful and purposeful practice.			Scheduled to be incorporated into the revision of the Risk of Harm CD.
	The aim is to develop a comprehensive framework to promote consistent, competent and confident practice among multi-agency partners, based on a shared understanding, language and respect for distinct roles and responsibilities.			
	The framework will incorporate assessment instruments but will ground their use in practice principles.			

SA 2.2.2	Currently researching material, building the model and presenting stages to external agencies. Research Officer required for 6 months	Ongoing – 5 year RMA project	£14k- temporary research assistant	Ongoing
SA 2.2.3	Principles and standards underpinning FRAME presented to PCC	December 2009		Presented to PCC in January, comments received mid march being incorporated, further paper on definitions to be presented in March
SA 2.2.4	Practice guidelines presented to PCC	March 2010		

SA 2.3 SA07: Stable & Acute 2007

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SA 2.3.1	This project aims initially to evaluate the national multi-agency implementation of this instrument,	Ongoing – 5 year RMA project,	£14k - temporary research assistant	Research specification completed
	providing information on practice, user satisfaction, and quality of application, providing	commencing March 2009		Project plan developed
	quality improvement recommendations			Temporary research assistant appointed
	Examine the implementation of the Stable and Acute 2007 in relation to quality			RMA staff received ViSOR training
	control/improvement			Due to the need for transcribers this
				project is anticipated to cost an additional £10k
	DM			
				Interviews with social work and police underway

March 2010

SA 2.3.2	Make recommendations for good practice in the use of the tool and set up quality control/support measures for Scottish practitioners and provide feedback reports on a six monthly basis DM	December 2009	Running Costs	First Feedback report scheduled for April
SA 2.3.3	Advise and Validate phase DM	March 2010-11	Running Costs	
SA 2.4	RAG: Research Advisory Group		£42k	
SA 2.4.1	Provisional fund to provide expert input and peer review of research related projects DOD	Ongoing	£42k	Currently considering acquiring 10 items of work via RAG which is expected to cost £17,000 Currently identifying suitable candidates to conduct RATED peer review - Costs expected to be circa £10k - £20k dependent on number of reviews

SA 2.5 CPAI: Correctional Practice Assessment Inventory

Running Costs

SA 2.5.1	CPAI: Correctional Practice Assessment	Running Costs	Contract Let
	Inventory evaluates adherence to principles of		
	RNR, and programme integrity.	Budgeted to train 15	Phase 1: Core Correctional Practice
		individuals	training to be delivered in July.
	Training for RMA and partner staff to allow		
	introduction of CPAI to UK, and advance	Phase 1 training to be	Phase 2: CPAI (Peterhead Visit)
	commitment to evaluation.	held on RMA premises	conducted in Sept.
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DoOD	Budgeted costs of training committed	,
	2008-09 budget	
		Contract completed.

Resource Allocation: All projects are conducted by RMA staff with allocated budget to provide temporary research assistants and expert advice as required, the total budget being invested towards this strategic aim is £70k plus a further £30k has been provided as a contingency fund to enable RMA to address objectives arising from its revised strategy.

Strategic Aim 3 - Setting the Standard

We will extend and advance the concept of standard setting for risk practice

- Further develop existing standards based on feedback.
- Accredit methods of risk assessment and risk management, and promote the benefits of such accreditation.
- Support Scottish Government's objectives by setting practice standards and developing guidelines, for the range of sexual and violent offenders.
- Provide guidelines and resources to ensure a commitment to continuous learning and improvement is promoted through the dissemination of research literature.
- Provide guidance for risk management teams, for example in complex case management, or risk management system development.

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SA 3.1 Risk Assessment Orders

Running costs

SA 3.1.1	Consideration and evaluation of applications for accreditation. IM & PO	On-going	Running costs	Accredited 4 additional assessors resulting in a total of 15 Assessors, target is 20. Reaccredited 5 assessors
SA 3.1.2	Publicise Accreditation process via Newsletter and hosting Accreditation Pre-application Workshops on RMA premises IM & CM	As Required	Running costs	Limited success of current approach evaluated; new approach adopted to target potential Assessors directly and through key partners such as SoFMH
SA 3.1.3	Provide day to day support to assessors	On-going		Providing regular advice on process issues, interpretation of standards and guidelines, advice on CPD and renewal

			<u>applications</u>
SA 3.1.4	Quality assurance of risk assessment reports	On-going	Agreement reached SCS to obtain to all RARs from assessors.
SA 3.1.5	Revise RAR format	March 2010	Assessor seminar for user feedback Request for feedback from judiciary Received feedback from Judiciary (3/24) Presently seeking views of Case Managers, feedback mid March. Update to current to RAR formate expected for June.

SA 3.2 Risk Management Plans

Running Costs

SA 3.2.1	Consideration and approval of Risk Management Plans RMP Committee, IM & PO	On-going	Running costs	29 RMP's approved year to date RMA currently manages 47 OLRs with 8 RAO's in progress
SA 3.2.2	Structured and comprehensive review of RMP Internal and external processes involving key stakeholders IM & PO		Running costs	RMP approval process has been reviewed and an Options Paper produced
SA 3.2.3	Recommendation report from above IM & PO		Running costs	Options paper submitted to RMP Approval Committee and Board for consideration. Recommendation pending.
SA 3.2.4	Keep under review the interface between RMP, MAPPA, Parole and SPS processes IM & PO		Running costs	Established relationships with key agencies such as the Parole Board to ensure robust interface between various systems

			Parole Board to amend own rules regarding Offender access to RMP Meeting scheduled victims, witnesses, and Parole life sentence division to discuss interface between RMP and parole
SA 3.2.5	Oversee profile of offenders subject to RAOs and OLRs to monitor targeting and promote learning about target group. IM & PO	Running costs	Access to RAR's established, database established and being tested. Work commenced on capturing data. Advice being sought regarding Data Protection issues in relation to publication of research

SA 3.3 Publications £30k

SA 3.3.1	Review and revision of Risk Assessment Tools Evaluation Directory (RATED) and publish version 3. Proposals for development and peer review under consideration.	Ongoing	Running costs £13k design, print and distribution costs	Reviewing publication options for RATED, to reduce costs, considerations include alternative media distribution options and
	Revise to respond to FRAME, close attention to violence, screening, young people, domestic violence and introduction of responsivity section.		Peer review funded through RAG	and charging for hard copy of publication. Draft version of RATED produced and being reviewed
	DM & RO			
SA 3.3.2	Produce Standards & Guidelines for Risk	Ongoing	Running costs	Draft S&G's produced, submitted RMA
	Assessment and Management of Violent and		£12k for design, print	committee and FRAME PCC
	Sexual Offenders to support Offender	Final Draft by March	& distribution and	
	Management Programme and complement new	2010	possibly publicity	Currently working on feedback from both

	MAPPA guidelines.			groups
	This publication will serve as the initial literature review for FRAME and will be incorporated in CD-Rom			
	IM & RO			
SA 3.3.3	Publish two handbooks, one for Accredited Risk Assessors and another for OLR Case Managers providing standards and procedures specific to	Ongoing	Running costs £5k for launch and production of CD	
	the OLR.	March 2010 following publication of the new	ROM	
	IM & RO	MAPPA guidelines		

Resource Allocation: This strategic aim is primarily resourced by RMA staff with an allocation of £30k for publishing and distribution costs

Strategic Aim 4 – Raising the Standard

We will develop and encourage education and skills development in the field of risk assessment & risk management

- Indentify or develop a range of learning resources to support practice at each level of FRAME
- Develop our web based training programme and distance learning resources.

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SA 4.1	RMP&P: Risk Management Planning and Prac	tice	£5k	
SA 4.1.1	'Train the Trainers' Delivery of first round of training for practitioners on developing and delivering risk management planning & practice to MAPPA areas. (Budget costs committed 2008-09 £44,275.00	February - June 2009	Running Costs	Project Completed however target group not adequately covered. Would recommend a further training session if funds permit.
	Deliver 2 x RMPP Training Events – Accommodation and related costs	Estimated for May / Aug 2009. Subject to change	£5k	
	DM, TO & TC			
SA 4.1.2	Negotiate delivery of training to agencies Register of interest 300 practitioners (agency costs)	Estimated for April / June 2009-10. Subject to change	Running Costs RMA not budgeting to deliver actual	
	DM, TO & TC		training	
SA 4.2	SPJ: Structured Professional Judgement		Running Costs	
SA 4.2.1	Negotiate delivery of Practitioner training Modules	As agreed if and when required through Management	Running costs RMA not budgeting	
	DM, TO & TC	Framework	to deliver actual	

		Agreement	training	
SA 4.3	Assessing and Managing Risk CD ROM		£19k	
SA 4.3.1	Continue delivering practitioner training on Assessing and Managing Risk CD ROM. Training to be extended to September 2010 with additional events (4 residual events from current contract and up to 6 further events on extended contract) DM, TO & TC	Ongoing – September 2010	£19k	
SA 4.3.2	Revise Assessing and Managing Risk CD ROM (£40,250k commit budget 2008-09) DM, TO & TC	March 2009 to September 2010	Costs committed previous year	Contract Let due to be completed by March 2010. Contract completion date amended to end Aug 2010 Revision underway.
SA 4.3.3	Negotiate further contract for technical support as FRAME develops	December 2009	TBC	Negotiation to be commenced
SA 4.4	Accredited Assessors		£20k	
SA 4.4.1	Support the accreditation of potential and existing Assessors. Year start assessors (11) - target 20 IM & PO	Ongoing	£10k	Currently supporting the development of one deferred candidates Two additional assessors have been accredited taking total number of accredited assessors to 13.
SA 4.4.2	Continued professional development of	Ongoing	£10k	Considering reducing this budget by 50%

	existing Assessors - £500 per Assessor based on 20 Assessors		in 2010/11
	IM & PO		
SA 4.5	Risk Assessment Report Writing	£20k	
SA 4.5.1	Delivery of Risk Assessment Report Writing Module in distance learning format to:		Module completed
		0401	Establishment of mentor support being
	(i). 10 Deferred Assessor Candidates(ii). 10 MAPPA Candidates	£10k £10k	negotiated
	DoOD, DM, IM		Course delivery. Mentoring and Assessment agreed with SoFMH

SA 4.6 TSPG: Training Services Providers Group

Running Costs

20 candidates applied for course

SA 4.6.1	Training Services Providers Group DoOD, DM	Ongoing	Running costs	Contract let to Cognitive Centre to adapt LSCMI training materials for National rollout
				Contract let to Coventry to modify the Risk Management Planning and Practice consistent with the FRAME approach providing tier specific training

Resource Allocation: The primary cost for this aim is the development and distribution of training which will cost £59k.

Strategic Aim 5 – Improving the Service

We will continuously improve performance and practice in the areas of financial management, accountability, corporate governance and stakeholder development supporting the delivery of all strategic aims.

- Develop a workforce plan to identify and balance future staffing needs.
- Benchmark with external organisations.
- Develop the performance management systems.
- Ensure best value through use of e-solutions.

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SA 5.1	Corporate Training		£29k	
SA 5.1.1	Provide continued professional development of staff and board member to ensure the RMA remains an effective organisation DBP	Ongoing	£29k	Staff appraisals completed and PDP's produced. Over the year all 13 staff have attended one of the 41 courses approved this year 4 Board Members have attended 7 courses. Staff mid year reviews are currently being completed. Staff and Board member end of year appraisals have been instructed

SA 5.2 HR Function

£14k (Allocated Group B Budget)

SA 5.2.1	Review internal HR support function DBP	On-going	Running costs	Reviewing Business team resources following resignation of Finance/Admin Officer New Structure will provide a single point of contact for HR matters
SA 5.2.2	Implementation of the programme of appraisal and review of all RMA staff related policies DBP	On-going as per timetable	Running costs	All staff polices have been reviewed. New Handbook has been created and is due to be issued in July to staff for consultation. Staff Handbook will be reviewed with the staff representatives with an implementation date scheduled for Jan 2010 Process delayed – expected completion is May.
SA 5.2.3	Appraisal and review of all RMA staff related procedures and control systems DBP	On-going as per timetable	Running costs	Staff procedures are currently being reviewed in line with HR policies
SA 5.2.4	Review allocation of duties and organisational structure DBP		Running costs	Currently reviewing staff structure and resources New staff structure has been presented to and approved by the Board. Currently in discussion with staff representatives regarding the implementation of the new structure.

				New Staff Structure implemented; 3 posts currently vacant
SA 5.2.5	Appoint HR Consultancy Services to provide legal advice and maintain HR policies and procedures DBP	Apr 2009	£2k (allocated Group B budget)	Contract has been let to Croners
SA 5.2.6	Develop Pay & Reward system which is both competitive and compliant with SG Pay Policy DBP		£12k (allocated Group B budget)	Hay Group have been appointed to conduct a pay review, expect final report and recommendations in August. New Pay model has been approved by Board and Remuneration Committee and has been submitted to SG Finance Pay Policy for approval New pay model approved by SG; Offer to be formally presented to PCS for consideration.
SA 5.2.7	Review Union Recognition agreement		Running Costs	RMA has entered into a Union Recognition Agreement with PCS
	DBP			

SA 5.3 Communications

£6k (Allocated Group B Budget)

SA 5.3.1	Review of Communications Strategy to complement the RMA business priorities for 2009-10 DBP & CM	Sept 2009	Running costs	
SA 5.3.2	Publication of RMA Annual Report and Accounts CE, DBP & CM	Sept 2009	£6k (allocated Group B budget)	Annual report and accounts completed Annual Accounts signed by Auditor General and laid before Parliament, now

				published on the RMA website.
SA 5.3.3	Review current printing contracts and publications CE, DBP & CM	Oct 2009	Running costs	Alternative Printers have been identified also reviewing alternative media to distribute publications eg, CD and Internet download New Website system will result in a shift towards electronic delivery of publications and reduce printing requirements

SA 5.4 IT Facilities

£10k (Allocated Group B Budget)

SA 5.4.1	Consultancy assessment of future IT requirements and the development of relevant tender specification document	£10k (allocated Group B budget)	Initial discussion have taken place with ISIS (SG IT dept)
	DBP, CM & TO		Scheduled 6 monthly meeting with SG Information Services & Information Systems (ISIS) to review performance and developments
			Reviewing alternative IT solutions for integrated OLR Case Management System
			Discussions ongoing with ISIS regarding issues with current case management system
SA 5.4.2	Review current IT contracts DBP, CM & TO	Running costs	Reviewed IT contract with SG which produced a £6k savings
			Agreed a Memorandum of Understanding for the provision of ICT Services between

	SG and RMA

SA 5.5 Governance

£5k (Allocated Group B Budget)

SA 5.5.1	Conduct a Governance health check review DBP	£5k Consultancy costs (allocated Group B budget)	
SA 5.5.2	RMP Approval (Statutory obligation): Produce forecast for OLR volume and assess critical volume levels for current structure. Produce alternative working systems to address future volumes DBP	Running Costs	Report forecasting future OLR volume completed

SA 5.6 Finance

£5k (Allocated Group B Budget)

SA 5.6.1	Review Best Value system to ensure organisation is operating in compliance with SG and forthcoming internal audit. DBP	Runnin	g Costs	
SA 5.6.2	Identify possible income streams in order to reduce running costs DBP	Running		Possible income streams identified. Discussed implications of income generating opportunities with sponsor dept. Annual conference ear marked as first case for income generation to test new processes etc Next RMA conference will be fee based Set up staff group to identify income opportunities – discussed issues of

		0.4.2000	Dunwing Coats	publications being free to download but payable in hardcopy format, fee based workshops and consultancy. Meetings with IT and Corporate Banking Services have taken place in order to set up appropriate financial systems and control procedures. Have commenced generating income via conference fees.
SA 5.6.3	Review performance indicators to ensure organisation is operating in compliance with SG and forthcoming internal audit. DBP	Oct 2009	Running Costs	Initiated work on the development of the RMA's Strategic Plan which will result in the implementation of a new performance management system. New Corporate Plan and Business Plan produced contain new performance indicators
SA 5.6.3	Review and standardise procurement contractual terms and conditions. DBP		£5k Legal costs (allocated Group B budget)	

Resource Allocation: The total cost for supporting the objectives in this strategic is £69k.