Evidence-based interventions for preventing juvenile delinquency within social care – A scoping review of governmental reports in the Nordic countries

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Background



Aim and purpose

- Review Nordic reports assessing knowledge-based interventions
- Describe the scope and content of these reports
- Showcase potential differences in the scope and content of the reports specific to each Nordic country
- If possible, present suitable domains for sharing Nordic experience



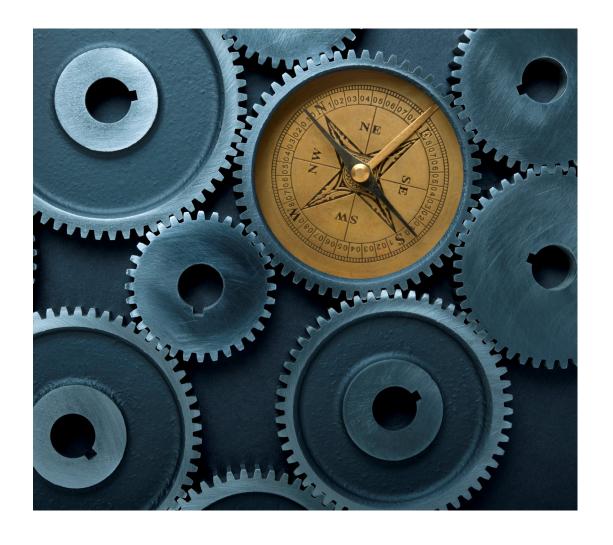
National reports of knowledgebased interventions for preventing juvenile delinquency within social care

A scoping review of publications from the Nordic countries





Recipients and use



- Support policy makers, government officials and national authorities to make informed decisions
- Highlight common Nordic challenges
- Facilitate discussion on possibilities to overcome obstacles

Does not address quality or reliability of reports or efficacy and evidence of specific interventions





Quality insurance group



Scientific advisory committee board



Internal and external reviews



Decision of the Director-General

Planning

Project activites

Manuscript processing

Publication

- Appoint expert and reference-groups
- Develop and define research questions
- Literature search
- Selection of studies
- Data extraction



In collaboration



















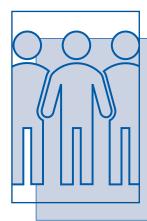






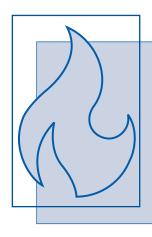


Key definitions



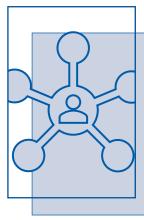
Juvenile delinquency

• Individual who demonstrates a pattern of criminal activity requiring interventions from society



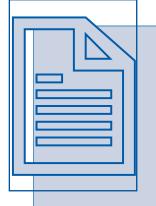
Crime prevention

- Preventing emergence, entrenchment, or persistence of juvenile delinquency
- Target all individuals in the population, specific risk groups, individuals at increased risk, or individuals with established problems



Social interventions

• Interventions with the objective to change, detect or modify risk / protective factors in the individual or the individual's close proximity



National reports on evidence-based interventions

- Reports that provide guidance for the local level in choosing evidence-based interventions
- Reports that review and synthesize pre-existing knowledge about the efficacy of interventions



Results



Identified 30 relevant reports from the Nordic countries

- 11 from Denmark
- 3 from Finland
- 0 from Iceland
- 6 from Norway
- 10 from Sweden

Wrong *publication type* were the most common criteria for exclusion





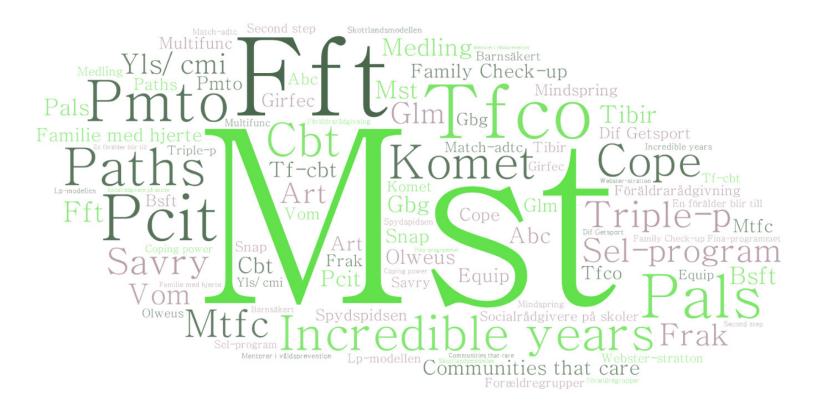
Preventive strategy

Aim

Population

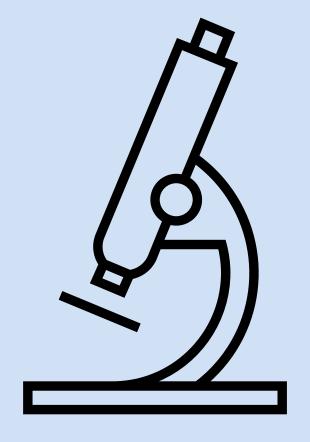


51 unique interventions descibed as knowledge-based





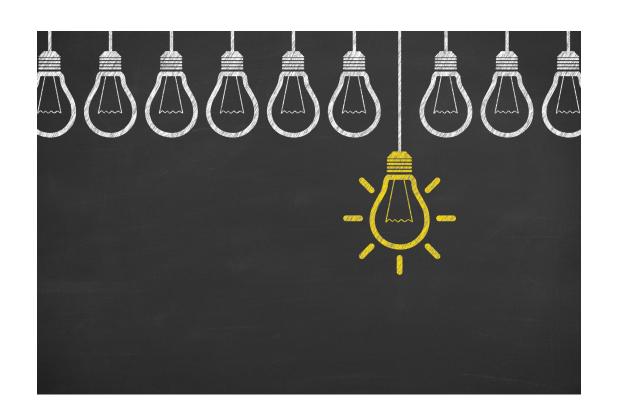
16 interventions were based on a systematic review of scientific literature





Other sources of knowledge

- Knowledge from profession and practice
- Selection of scientific articles
- Selection of reports
- Dialogue with experts and researchers





Some observations



Adress scientific knowledge gaps common for the Nordic countries





Interventions aimed to prevent recidivism for children who commit serious crimes



Interventions intended to be provided within institutional care



Interventions directed to the whole population



Possibility to broaden how preventive social interventions are defined



Parents-to-be



Children and families



Adolescents and young adults



Social care



Institutional care



Civic society



School



Health care



Develop skills



Educate parents



Strengthen family relations



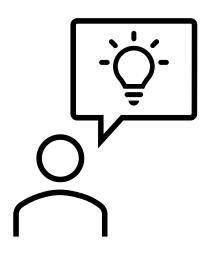
Create a positive environment through peers, leisure and activities



Facilitate education and employment



Contributing more efficiently to a knowledge-based approach in social care





Aspire for a common understanding of what constitutes evidence-based on national level



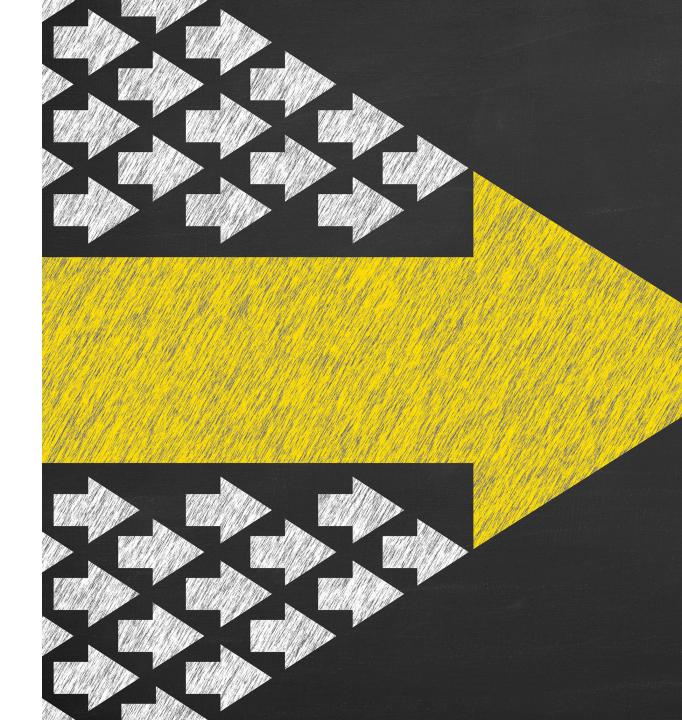
Coordinate the communication and dissemination of knowledge-based interventions



Communicate the importance of cross-sectoral collaboration without replacing accessibility to evidence-based interventions



The future



- Spread knowledge about what has been conducted in the Nordic region
- Let us be inspired by each other's work
- Start a discussion on how we can collaborate





Thank you!

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