Forensic psychiatric training in Sweden

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• Psychiatry (basic)
  – Forensic psychiatry (branch)
• Child and adolescent psychiatry (basic)

• only way into forensic psychiatry is via (general) psychiatry
  – Already a specialist in psychiatry
Psychiatrists in Sweden

• Approximate number of registered specialists:
  – 3,000 psychiatrists
    • 100 forensic psychiatrists
  – 600 child and adolescent psychiatrists
  – 9,000 general practitioners
  – In total 50,000 licensed medical practitioners
National ST curriculum template

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• Overall aims
  – Medical skills
  – Communication skills
  – Scientific skills
  – Leadership skills

• Recommendations
  – methods for learning
    • Clinical work, auscultation
    • training courses, seminars, projects
The quality assurance framework

• Contracts and documentation
• Dean of specialist training (one at RMV and others at forensic psychiatric care clinics)
• Certified clinical supervisors who are specialists in forensic psychiatry
• Scientific supervisors (at least PhD)
• Inspections carried out
New curriculum in Forensic Psychiatry

Integration of forensic psychiatric care, assessment (court reports), and work in the correctional services
Our curriculum

• **Medical skills** (assuming all criteria for general psychiatry already met)
  – Clinical work in forensic psychiatric care (1yr)
  – Court assessments carried out at RMV (~20 major & 25 minor cases)
  – Courses (organised by RMV) in e.g.;
    – Criminology
    – Risk assessment
    – Relevant laws and regulations
    – Correctional services
• Communication and leadership skills
  – Through courses, tutorials, teaching & clinical work

• Medical science and audit
  – a scientific report (>10wks)
  – An audit project
  – Course in basic public health