



FACT SHEET

Offender Risk Profile

The overall risk of general re-offending is categorised into the following 4 risk categories:

Low Risk - May desist without any effort

- Lowest risk to community
- Little or no criminal history
- Unlikely to reoffend
- Few criminogenic needs
- More protective factors/assets
- Minimum level of service/supervision intervention
- Approx 19% will reoffend and 6% will return to gaol



Low or No Intervention

1. Little to gain from intervention strategies
2. Not required to undertake offence specific programs
3. Dollars spent on low risk offenders may be detrimental to risk of reoffending
4. Limit exposure to correctional services

Low/Moderate Risk

- Little criminal history
- Few criminogenic needs
- Some protective factors/assets or need for improvement
- Low level service/supervision intervention required
- 35% will reoffend and 15% will come back to gaol



Low intensity intervention

1. Target specific intervention only
2. Concentrate on strengths and protective factors
3. Minimise the contact by the Offender with correctional services where practicable
4. Minimise the exposure to non-specific programs and high risk offenders

Moderate Risk

- Moderate risk to community
- Some criminal history
- Some criminogenic needs
- Limited protective factors/assets
- Moderate level service/supervision intervention required
- About half will reoffend and a third will return to gaol



Moderate Intervention

1. Only the Executive Director (COS) authorises early termination or supervision ([Commissioner's Memorandum 2006/13](#))
2. Money and resources well spent on intervention for this risk group
3. Target specific programs, med-high service intervention and treatment readiness screening appropriate

High - Prolific offenders

- High risk to community
- Greatest likelihood of reoffending
- Repeated criminal history
- Many criminogenic needs requiring intensive intervention strategies
- Few, if any, protective strengths
- Maximum intensive level of service/intervention
- Approximately 79% will reoffend and almost half will return to gaol



Highly intensive treatment

1. Money and resources well spent on intervention for this risk group
2. Target specific programs, med-high service intervention and treatment readiness screening appropriate
3. Intensive treatment options most effective for this risk category