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