



Aotearoa AODTC Conference 2019

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Eligibility Criteria

- How do we identify the likely high risk/high needs offenders for whom these courts have been proven to work best?
- Eligibility Checklist – starting point





Eligibility Criteria: Needs

- Likely to be dependent on alcohol and/or other drugs
- Offending driven by AOD abuse
- Not suffering from serious mental or physical health issues
- Largely self report

Eligibility Criteria: Risk

- RoC*RoI in 0.5 – 0.9 range
- Measure of static factors
- Often precludes recidivist drink drivers
- Discretion to include <0.5
- No discretion to include >0.9



Eligibility Criteria

- Not facing charges of arson, sexual offending or serious violence
- Facing term of up to 3 years imprisonment
- Guilty pleas to all charges





Eligibility Criteria: Process

- Meeting eligibility criteria mandatory to accessing AODTC determination process
- Judicial decision that criteria met/not met
- If not met, no referral made
- If met, remand for full needs assessment



Eligibility Criteria: Process

- If meet criteria, referral for full needs assessment
- High needs = SUD/DSM IV dependency
- Final assessment of risk at determination hearing with input from team