

# A MODEL OF VIOLENT OFFENDERS: IMPLICATIONS FOR RISK AND INTERVENTION

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# Literature

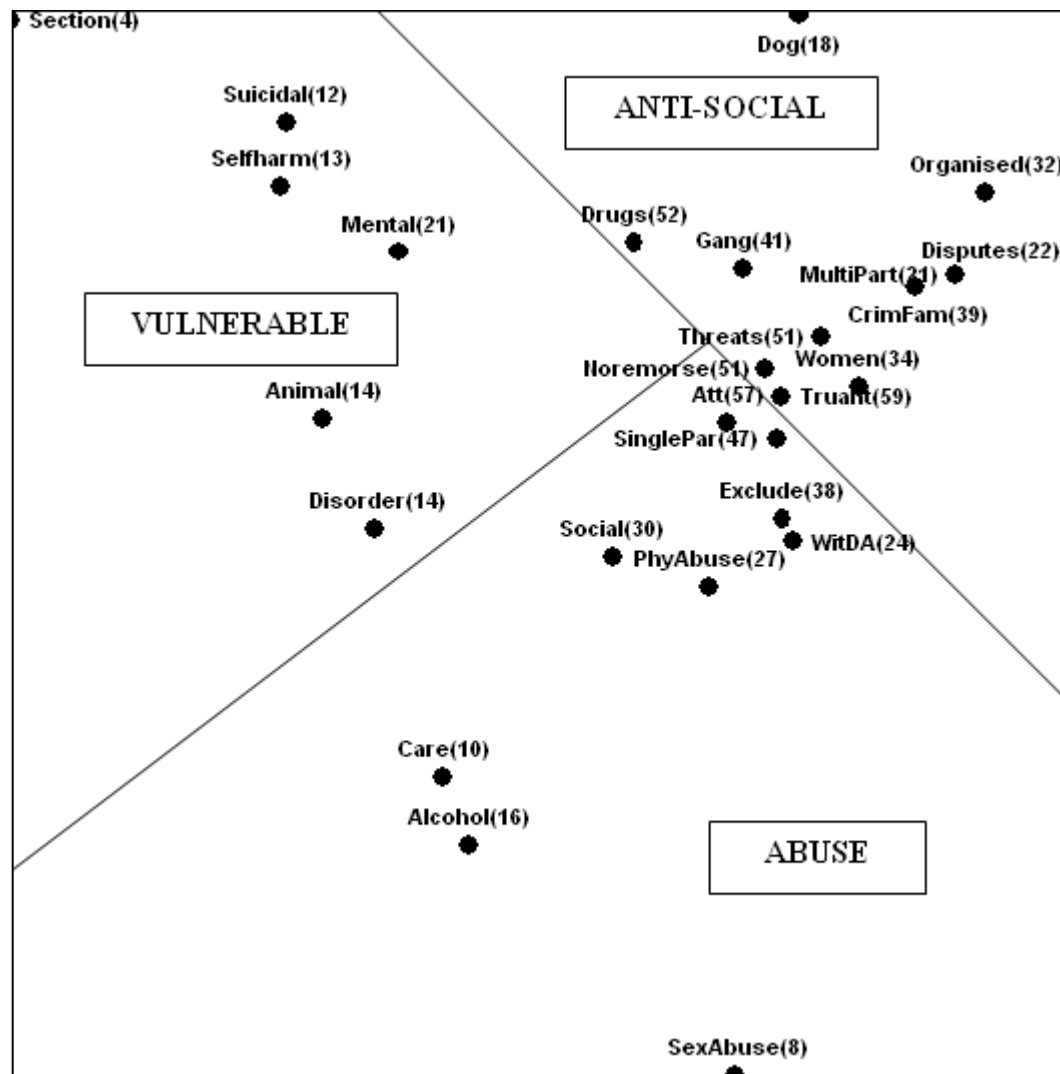
- ◉ Complete literature review conducted on violent offenders, risk factors and models of offending behaviour
- ◉ Research on youths who sexually abuse: Abuse, Delinquency, Impairment
- ◉ Risk factors identified: Historical, Clinical, Contextual

# Data

- ◉ 105 offenders – gun crime nominals, random sample of MAPPA, YOS violent offenders, violent sex offenders
- ◉ Data gathered from police systems, YOS files, probation files, interviews with police officers, case managers and from data gathered through interviews with offenders

# Descriptive results

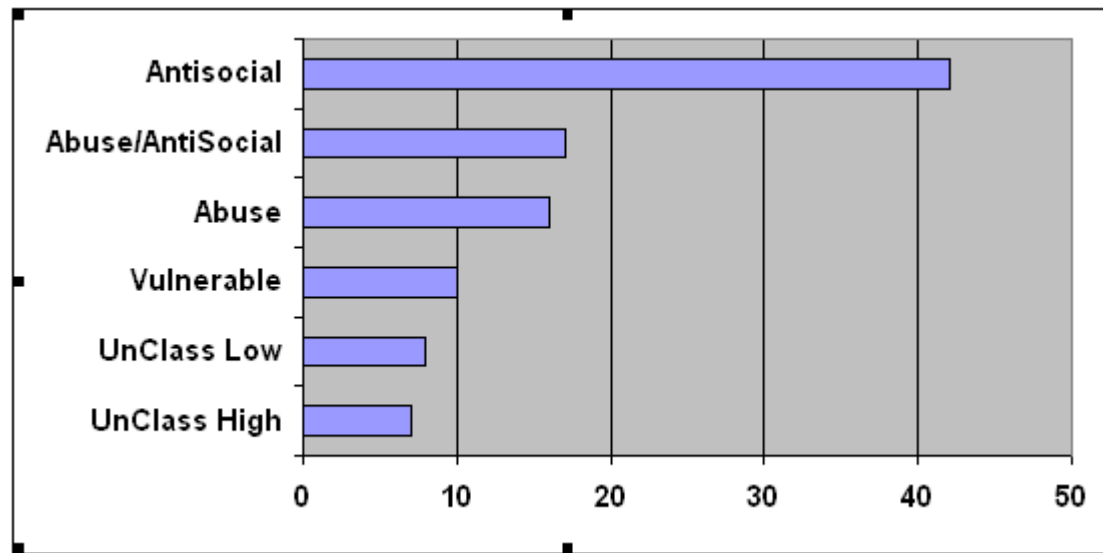
- Mean age: 26.8 (24.2 without sex offenders)
- 103 – male
- 93% of the sample White British
  - 3% - Black Caribbean
  - 2% - Other
  - 1% - Black African
  - 1% - White/Black Caribbean



# Classification of offenders

- ◉ 67.6% dominant theme
- ◉ 41.9% anti-social
- ◉ 17% abuse
- ◉ 10% vulnerable
- ◉ 18% hybrid (17% anti-social/abuse, 1% anti-social/vulnerable)

- 14% unclassifiable (7.6% low number of variables, 6.7% high number in each theme)



# Distribution of gun crime nominals across themes

Theme	No	Yes
Abuse	16	1
Vulnerable	5	5
Anti-social	12	32
Abuse/anti-social	10	8
Vulnerable/anti-social	0	1
Unclassified high	1	6
Unclassified low	6	2



# Dominant theme and use of Weapon

	Unclassify Low (n=8)	Abuse (n=17)	Vulnerable (n=10)	Abuse/ Anti-Social (n=18)	Anti-social (n=43)	Unclassify High (n=8)
Gun Nominal *	25%	6%	50%	44%	73%	88%
Guns	25%	35%	60%	78%	79%	100%
Knives	38%	29%	80%	67%	61%	75%

\*Assessed by MATRIX as a gun crime nominal

- ◉ Statistical tests show that anti-social and vulnerable offenders more likely to carry/use knives
- ◉ Only anti-social offenders significantly likely to carry/use guns
- ◉ Further analysis identified 'top 10 offenders' in relation to number of risk factors across the themes

# Top 10 offenders

- ◉ 4 of VOMU offenders
- ◉ 5 sets of brothers
- ◉ All known to Merseyside Police as prolific and dangerous offenders
- ◉ Influence of family and associates

# Risk identification pro-forma

- ◉ Pro-forma designed based on analyses
- ◉ VOMU referrals high risk
- ◉ Thus, aim NOT to determine risk but identify at risk of what and what particular issues the offender has and what interventions needed
- ◉ Future – use with young people

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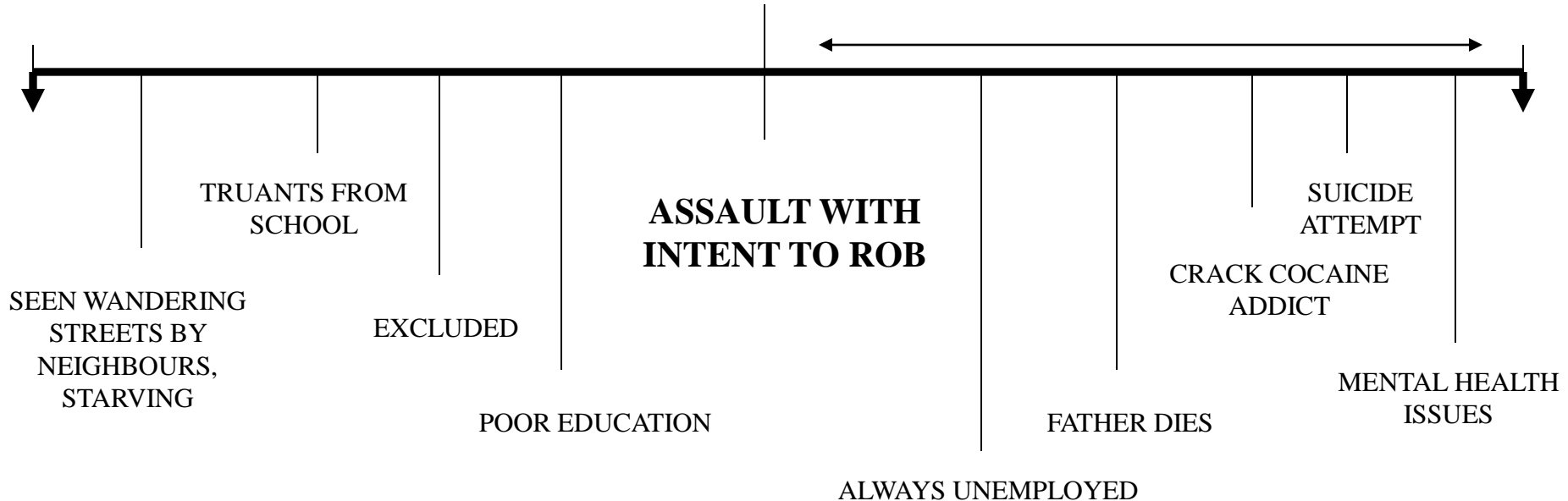
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27 NOW – IN  
CUSTODY

AGE 13

IN AND OUT OF PRISON

BORN



SERIOUS VIOLENCE AND EMOTIONAL ABUSE  
FROM FATHER

DRUG DEALING BEGINS AND GROWS

36 OFFENCES: ACQUISITIVE CRIME, CRIMINAL DAMAGE,  
DRUG OFFENCES, VIOLENT CRIME, DOMESTIC ABUSE,  
ASSAULTS ON PROSTITUTES (VISOR SUBJECT)

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14-19

FIRST CONVICTION

AGE 14

IN AND OUT OF PRISON

19 NOW

ARSON/DAM/RACIAL  
AGG. CRIMINAL DAM  
TO MV

USES COCAINE

MENTAL HEALTH  
ISSUES

ALWAYS  
UNEMPLOYED

BEST FRIENDS WITH KNOWN  
CRIMINAL FAMILY

SINGLE PARENT FAMILY

DRUG DEALING BEGINS AND GROWS

23 OFFENCES: ACQUISITIVE CRIME, CRIMINAL  
DAMAGE, DRUG OFFENCES, VIOLENT CRIME,  
KIDNAPPING

TRUANTS FROM  
SCHOOL

EXCLUDED

POOR EDUCATION

CLOSE FAMILY

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TRUANTS FROM  
SCHOOL

**THEFT/HSG/AGGREVAT  
EDTAKING OF A MV**

SIBLINGS  
INVLOVED IN  
CRIMINALITY

ORGANISED  
CRIME, INVOLVED  
WITH TURF  
DISPUTES

SPORADIC  
EMPLOYMENT

POOR EDUCATION

SINGLE PARENT FAMILY

DRUG DEALING BEGINS AND GROWS

**50 OFFENCES: ACQUISITIVE CRIME, CRIMINAL DAMAGE,  
DRUG OFFENCES, VIOLENT CRIME, ASSAULTS ON  
CONSTABLES**

**QUESTIONS?**