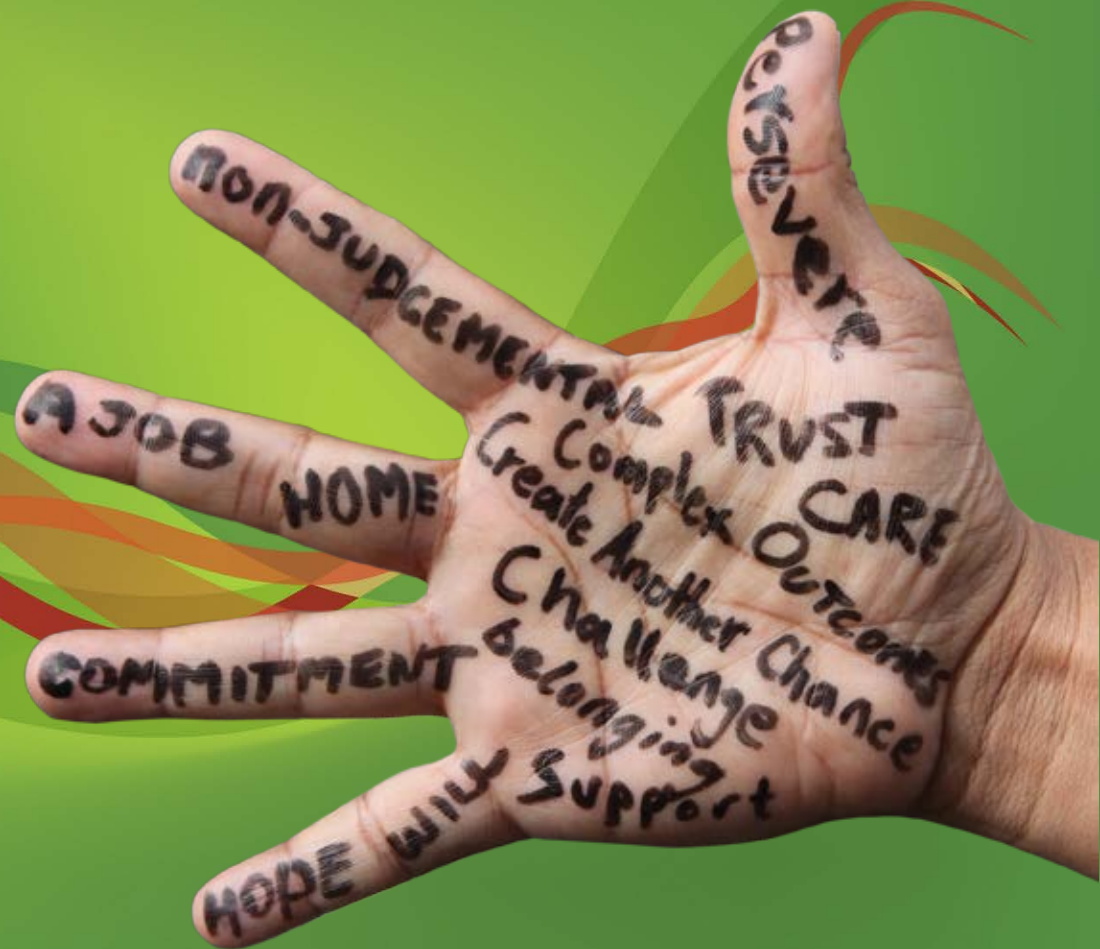


# COATS Forensic AOD Assessment Tool



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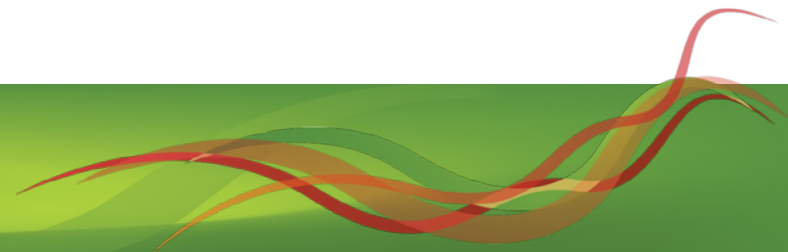
## Impetus

- Alcohol and Other Drugs Treatment and Services Project Team (AODTS)
- ‘Screening and assessing AOD harm and risk of reoffending’.



## Methodology

1. Initial workshops & Astrid Birgden documents - setting the scene
2. Literature Review (inc. *CINCH*, *Psych INFO*, *Sociological Abstracts*, *FAMILY*)
3. Web search
4. Consultations
  - a) DHHS
  - b) Focus Groups (x2 with treatment providers)
  - c) Individual Meetings
    - i. Treatment providers
    - ii. CCS Drug Portfolio holders.
    - iii. Turning Point
    - iv. ACSO Clinicians/Management
5. Development of First Draft
6. External Feedback and Review - Astrid Birgden, Clinical Advisory Group and ACSOs Client Advisory Group
7. Trial at ACSO (regional, Metro, range of assessors, range of client mix, face to face, phone and video interviews)
8. Final development of tool, manual and training program.



# Conceptualisation

## Theoretical Framework

- RNR principles (primarily deficits based approach)
- Good Lives Model (strengths based)
- Desistance and recovery capital

*Allows CCS to treatment plan around avoidance and approach goals*  
*Allows treatment providers to continue with a focus on recovery*

## Aim

A targeted forensic AOD assessment that is to be used to ascertain the:

1. Relationship between the person's substance use and offending,
2. AOD treatment needs of the person,
3. Factors influencing recovery,
4. Supports required to enable effective AOD treatment.



## Assessment Content

The generalist AOD tools developed by Turning Point rely on the development of a tier rating to ascertain the need for treatment and treatment type/level.

The forensic tool utilises a matrix of level of two variables: risk of reoffending and level of AOD related harm to determine treatment level/intensity.

		Risk of Reoffending (LSI)		
		Low	Medium	High
AOD Risk of Harm (ASSIST)	High	Choices	Specialist Forensic Counselling* Standard Counselling Residential Withdrawal Residential Rehabilitation Specialist Services	Specialist Forensic Counselling* Complex Counselling Residential Withdrawal Residential Rehabilitation Specialist Services Care and Recovery
	Moderate	Choices	Specialist Forensic Counselling* Standard Counselling Non-residential Withdrawal Specialist Services	Specialist Forensic Counselling* Complex Counselling Non-residential Withdrawal Specialist Services
	Low	Choices	Brief Intervention by COATS assessor	



## Assessment Content

### Typology Requirements :

- Level of Service (LS) results. This is completed by a DJR staff member and attached to each client referral.
- The level of AOD harm is determined by the administration of the full version Alcohol, Smoking and Substance Use Involvement Screening Test (ASSIST).
- Specialist Forensic Counselling Eligibility Check
- MASCOT has been omitted and the Corrections Victoria Treatment Readiness Questionnaire (CVTRQ) has been introduced.
- The AUDIT/DUDIT have been replaced with the ASSIST.
- Greater focus on the relationship between offending and substance use.
- Greater focus on risk identification and management.
- There is no longer a self-report component of the assessment.
- Some assessment information is collected from the COATS/RAPIDS referral form.



## Limitations

The tool is not....

- A Forensic Risk Assessment
- A Forensic Psychological Assessment



## Moving Forward

1. Built into Penelope and OSCA
2. Being implemented on 01/07/2018 in Penelope
3. Collection of data & relationship to treatment attendance/completion
4. Assessment Review Document – developed and initial small trial





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