

Shaping Services and Interventions for Female Service Users

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Who are TV-CRC and what do we do?

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- One of 21 Community Rehabilitation Companies
- Work with all service users who are:
 - Low to medium risk of serious harm
 - Low to high risk of reoffending
 - All service users sentenced to more than two days imprisonment receive up to 12 months supervision on release 'top up supervision'
- Thames Valley CRC operate a cohort model
 - Male 18 to 25 years
 - Male 25 years +
 - Female cohort

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TV-CRC objectives

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- **Strategic Objectives (some of them)**
- Prevent reoffending and keep communities safe from harm
- To continue to deliver better rehabilitation outcomes for service users
- To continue to improve the value and quality of our work
- To continue to strengthen partnership and collaborative working – agencies, service users, community
- To continue to improve the resettlement arrangements for prison leavers

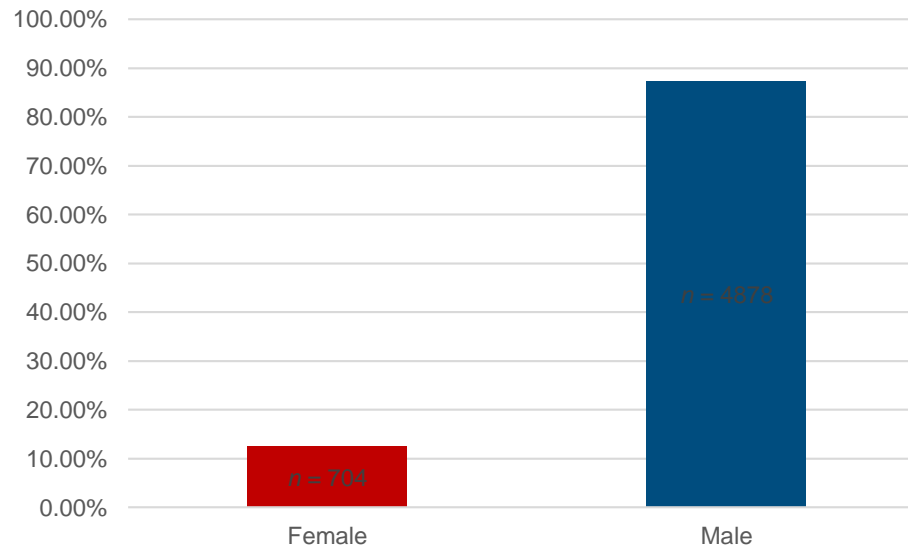
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Female Service Users in Thames Valley



Number (*n*) and % TV-CRC male and female service users across Thames Valley (June 2017)



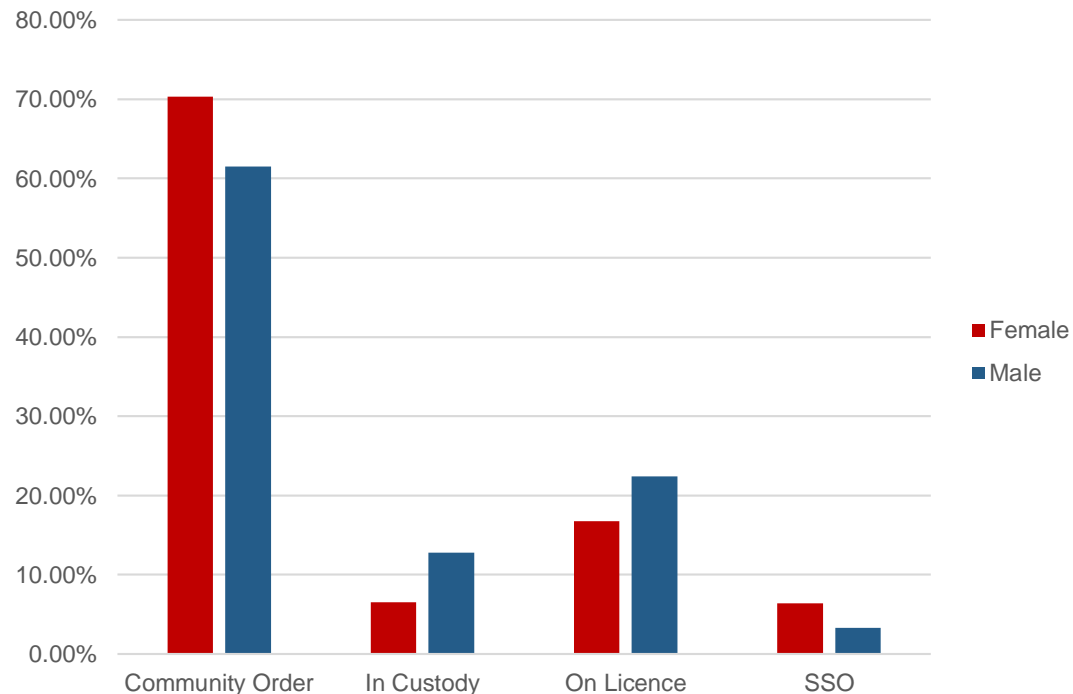
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Percentage of TV-CRC male and female service users by sentence type (June 2017)



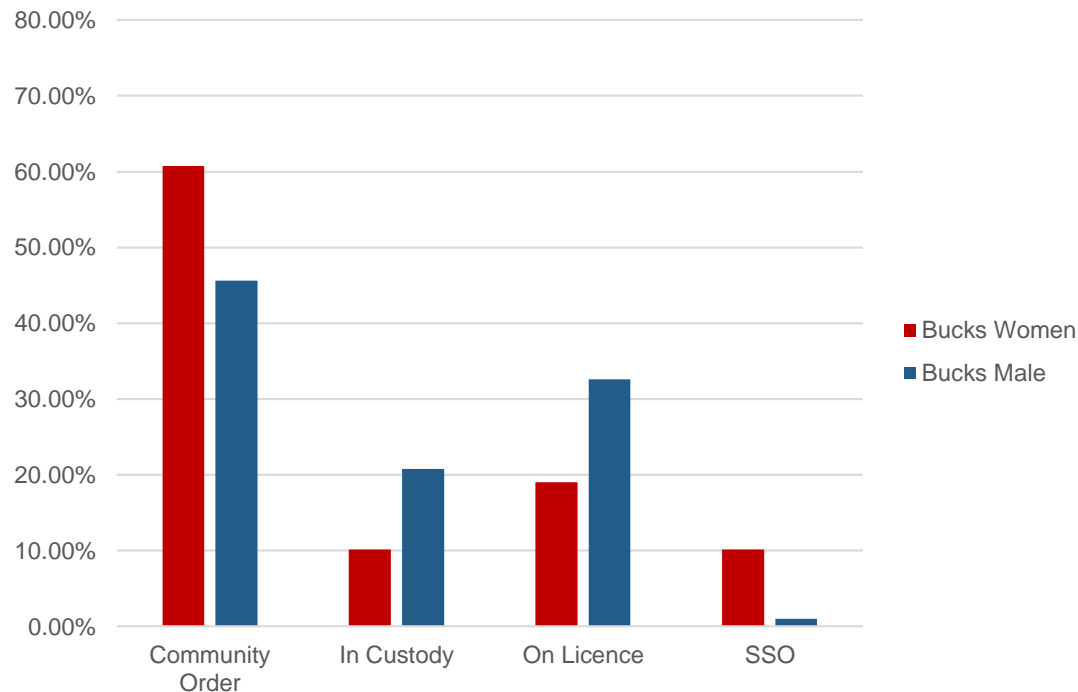
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Percentage of TV-CRC male and female
service users by sentence type Bucks only (June 2017)



What we know (or think we know)



Report by Baroness Corston (2007¹)

“the need for a distinct radically different, visibly-led, strategic, proportionate, holistic, women-centred, integrated approach”

- Seven pathways to offending?

- Accommodation
- Finances
- Health
- Attitudes, thinking & behaviour
- PLUS –
- support for women who have been abused, raped or who have experienced domestic violence
- support for women who have been involved in prostitution
- Employment
- Drug/Alcohol misuse
- Children and families

1. Corston, J. (2007) *The Corston Report: a review of women with particular vulnerabilities in the criminal justice system*. London: Home Office

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- What this means for TV-CRC
- We aim to treat female offenders with respect, dignity and provide a supportive place to address underlying issues (e.g. life skills and emotional literacy/feeling of community)
- A woman-centred approach – staff training and service design
- TV-CRC are ‘championing’ services tailored to women’s needs

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What we're doing

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- **Inclusion and supporting resettlement**
 - Women's Essentials campaign Jan 17 – staff donations of toiletries but the essential sanitary products (government classifies as 'non-essential luxury items'). Hugely supported campaign across TV-CRC
 - International Women's Day – On Mar 8th staff engaged with and encouraged women about how they could #beboldforchange. Positive solution focused approach and empowerment.
 - Fortnightly Women's Workshop – led by both staff and female service users. Partner agencies attend to provide briefings on support/core topics – embedding women into their communities

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- **Intervention**

- Thinking Ahead for Women – solution focused, problem solving approach recognising the need for emotional wellbeing/self-esteem. Uses the 'group community' as support
- 'HEAL' trauma informed programme – psych-educational programme on recognising signs/symptoms of trauma, how to work with supportively and signposting
- Women's Health Programme (Bucks only) – 12 sessions of structured group based activity aimed at developing health and wellbeing/setting positive lifestyle goals

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What's next



- Developing trauma approach for men
- Housing project in Bucks – rent/deposit in advance (PCC bid)
- Availability of TV-CRC women's services across Thames Valley
- Making 'Essentials Campaign' essential
- Developing our assessment systems
- Becoming analytical and proactive in protecting public and reducing reoffending



Any Questions?

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