



Diagnostics and Prognosis at the Diagnostic Centre

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Responsibilities of execution of sentence according to § 2 StVollzG

- to enable the offender to live socially responsible without committing any crime
- security of the general public
- specific task of the Diagnostic Centre as a part of execution of sentence

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„The responsibilities of the Diagnostic Centre (...) concern all offenders who have committed

- any sexual offense,
- homicide or
- manslaughter (...)

and who have been sentenced to more than 4 years after 01.07.2005.“

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- responsibilities according to §§ 7, 8 and 16 no 1, 17 StVollzG M-V - diagnostics, treatment plan (beginning)
- expert report before first permission for relaxation of conditions or transfer to the open prison (end)

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„Furthermore, the Diagnostic Center has to take care of all offenders

- in preventive detention (...)
- who have been sentenced to preventive detention or with conditional preventive detention

regardless of the sentence imposed and the offense committed.”

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- diagnostics, treatment plan (beginning)
- regularly checking if the sentence plan and its updates are carried out properly
- suggesting treatment measures if necessary
- expert report before certain stages of relaxation of conditions (end)

background:

regular court control, also during prison sentence, whether the detainees are offered adequate treatment

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Responsibilities: treatment plan – „Diagnoseverfahren“ (DV)

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- basic diagnostics at the beginning of the sentence for all „regular“ offenders (R) and offenders with preventive detention (PD)
 - individual hypothesis of delinquency (personal, situational aspects of risk)
 - detailed planning and defining necessary treatment
 - proof of treatment for the socio-therapeutic department (SothA)
 - prognosis of intervention possibilities

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Responsibilities: sentence plan – „Vollzugsplan“ (VP)

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- planning execution of sentence concerning placement and treatment
- individual goals of executive sentencing planned according to §7 StVollzG
- possible transfer to any prison within Mecklenburg - Westpomerania on the basis of the treatment plan

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Responsibilities: prognosis – „Lockerungsstellungnahme“

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- end diagnostics
- examination before independent permission to go out under relaxation of conditions and early discharge
- evaluation of the success of treatment and the development of the offender

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- all offenders of the department of SothA regardless the committing by the Diagnostic Centre as well as
- all offenders, who have been sentenced to more than 4 years (sexual offense, homicide, manslaughter) (R) and
- all offenders with preventive detention (PD)

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Responsibilities: regularly checking – „Verlaufsdagnostik“

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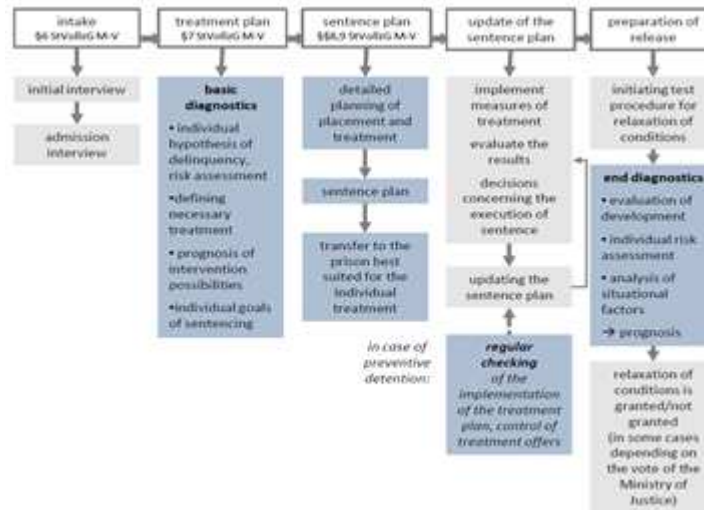
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- evaluation of prison sentence of those who are in preventive detention or are sentenced to preventive detention (PD)
- regular control of the implementation of the treatment plan and its updates
- checking if the detainee in preventive detention or the prisoner is offered special care which corresponds to legal requirements

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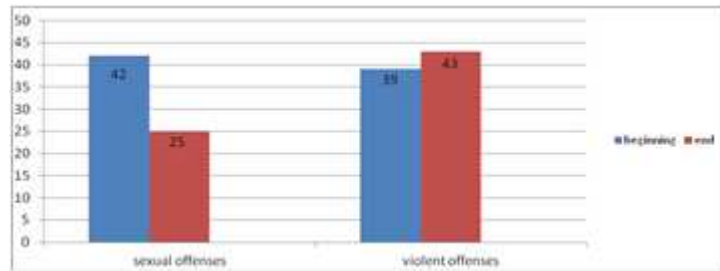
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- start of the Diagnostic Centre at the correctional facility in Bützow 01.07.2005
- reopening of the department 01.01.2008 in the correctional facility in Waldeck because of the transfer of all offenders who have been sentenced to more than 5 years from Bützow to Waldeck
- staff of the Diagnostic Centre: 2 assistants, 4 psychologists (incl. 1 head of the team)
- located within the department of admission (Aufnahmestation) which includes pre-trial-detainees, but separated section with detention places

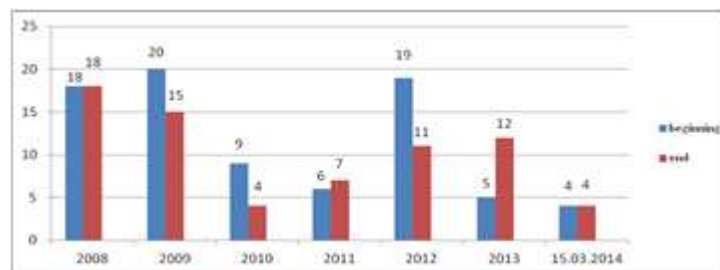
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Historical and statistical data „regular offenders“



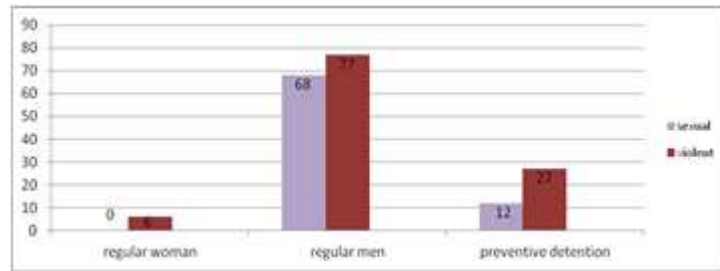
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Historical and statistical data „regular offenders“ (R) - annual comparison



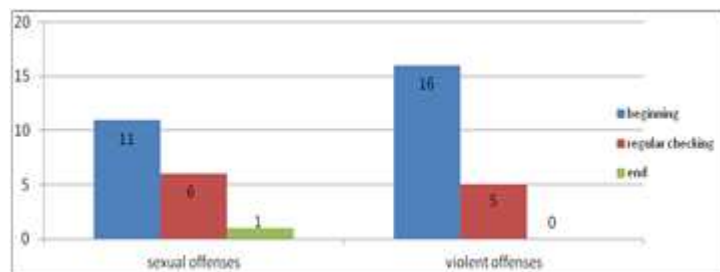
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Historical and statistical data Offenders (R, PD) - gender distribution



cases – 01/2008 – 03/2014

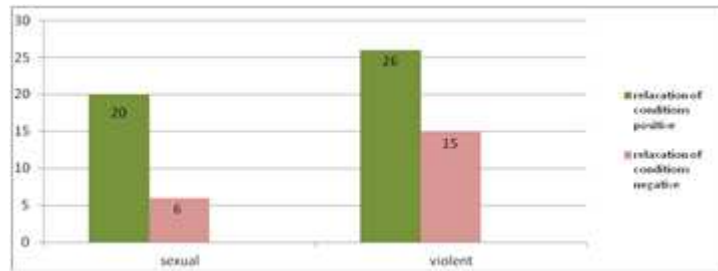
Historical and statistical data Offenders in or prisoners sentenced to preventive detention (PD)



cases – 04/2012 – 03/2014

Historical and statistical data

Relaxation of conditions



cases – 01/2008 – 02/2014

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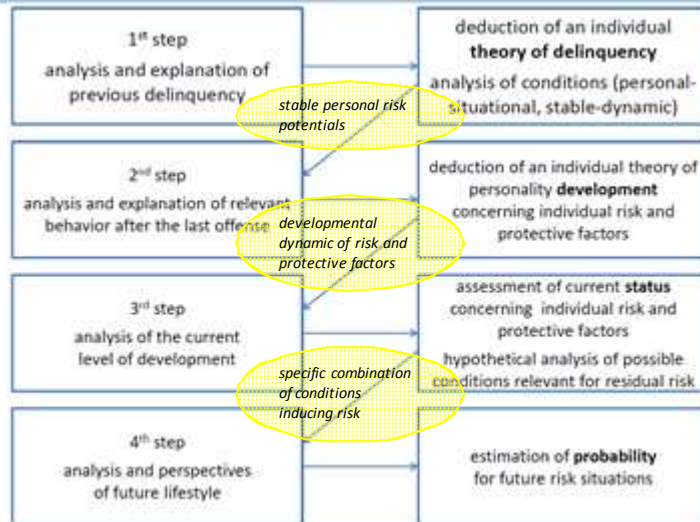
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- guidelines according to the model of diagn. judgement (Dahle, 2000)
- advantage: structured procedure, specific diagnostic variables, integration of different methods of criminal prognosis
- detection of a dynamic prognosis of recidivism and treatment necessity

Dahle, K.P. (2007). Methodische Grundlagen der Kriminalprognose. Forensische Psychiatrie, Psychologie, Kriminologie, 1, 101-110.



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basic diagnostics to collect data at the beginning

- individual hypothesis of delinquency (personal, situational aspects of risk)
- need of treatment
- prognosis of intervention possibilities (responsivity, therapy willingness, motivation, cooperation, abilities such as drive and stamina, reflection and introspection, cognitive and emotional capacity, intellectual capacity)
- individual goals of execution of sentence

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- socialisation and relationships
- delinquency and its development
- behaviour within prison
- personality
- anamnesis of addiction
- anamnesis of sexuality
- anamnesis of violence
- social environment and future planning

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- end diagnostics to collect data at the end
- documentation of perception and monitoring of the offender during duration of stay
 - possible modification of goals of sentencing because of changes while being in prison
 - proof of development of the offender
 - evaluation and analysis of treatment and interventions
 - analysis of risk potentials, aspects of protection
 - analysis of situational framework
- summary of risk of recidivism

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- results of treatment and intervention
- professional development and competency of performance
- behaviour in prison, leisure activities
- personality
- behaviour of interactivity
- psychological testing and prognosis instruments
- opinion about delinquency
- personal analysis of offense
- status of structural abilities

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- social environment
 - latest social situation
 - latest contacts
- future planning

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- case study only by psychologists
- structured diagnostic process
- systematic data collection (investigating files, reports of probation officers, personal prison files of the offender, expert reports, psychological testing, exploration, behavioural monitoring, prognosis instruments etc.)
- extensive documentation of relevant data
- transparency of diagnostics and prognosis

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- aspects of risk and protection at the beginning of sentencing
- standardized systematic procedure : comparability, possibility of scientific evaluation
- standardized treatment plan with statements to treatment necessity and liability potential
- separation of diagnostics and treatment: better objectivity and prognosis security
- quality standards for prognosis reports (Boetticher et al., 2006)
- standardized prognosis criteria

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- quality assurance because of „peer reviewed work“
- qualification of employees according to scientific standards
- cooperation with the department of SothA, prisons in Mecklenburg-Westpomerania and Forensic Psychiatries

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