**WEB OVERVIEW for C R I M E - P I C S II
*M A N U A L***

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The **CRIME-PICS II** instrument is straightforward to administer and can be scored quickly and easily. The whole process including scoring usually takes no more than 15 minutes

The instrument consists of 20 questionnaire items and a 15-item "Problems" inventory.

The main score (which is referred to as 'G') represents that person's GENERAL ATTITUDE TO OFFENDING at the point in time at which the questionnaire was completed.

In addition to this general score, the questionnaire provides specific measures of the person's:

* anticipation of re-offending ('A')
* victim hurt denial ('V')
* evaluation of crime as worthwhile ('E')
* perception of current life problems ('P')

A numerical profile of the offender's attitudes on five scales can be obtained. This is a snapshot at one point in time. A similar snapshot obtained by repeating the process at some later time enables identification of any change on each of the five scales. A profile of change can be obtained by comparing scores at different times.

**CRIME-PICS II** scores can be aggregated across groups of offenders to evaluate general patterns of change. This is particularly useful to those who wish to evaluate and/ or demonstrate the impact of any intervention programmes.

A list of available research reports, academic journal articles and other publications are available on the CRIME-PICS website: [http://www.crime-pics.co.uk](http://www.crime-pics.co.uk/)

Apart from their value as a tool in research projects, aggregate data from **CRIME-PICS II** are of interest to managers and policy makers, providing them with an additional numerical index of the overall impact of a service or programme. The instrument allows users to demonstrate effectiveness in a standard way that is easily communicated and is statistically meaningful.

In sum, extensive use with tens of thousands of offenders shows that **CRIME-PICS II** is user friendly and stimulates interest among offenders. Its use is for a range of client types, including youth offenders. It provides information that has immediate relevance to users, as well as giving a valid base line measure against which the effects of any intervention programme can be measured.

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