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Subject: Risk Calculations

## REQUEST

Please can you provide a detailed, step by step breakdown of the scientific method of calculating the following:

1. Offender Group Reconviction Scale (OGRS).
2. The Risk of Serious Harm Recidivism Calculator (RSR).
3. Home Office Accredited Risk Matrix 2000 Tool.

Further to the above, and as the second part of my request, please provide the peer reviewed papers for checking and verifying the OGRS, PSR and Home Office Accredited Risk Matrix 2000 Tool with details of the external body or organisation responsible for signing the tools listed above as empirically valid.

## RESPONSE

Papers relating to the calculation of the Offender Group Reconviction Scale (OGRS) are available online. This information is therefore exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act, information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. This message acts as our refusal notice.

The information is available here:

<https://eprints.lancs.ac.uk/id/eprint/49988/1/ogrs3.pdf>

<https://eprints.lancs.ac.uk/id/eprint/50057/1/reoffendingreport2007.pdf>

These papers were internally peer reviewed by the Ministry of Justice and the Home Office.

The University holds no recorded information relating to the Risk of Serious Harm Recidivism Calculator (RSR) or the Home Office Accredited Risk Matrix 2000 Tool.

Your request i.d. is: 4733. Please quote this in all enquiries.

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