

Table 4. Recidivism Reporting Checklist

COUNTRY:	
Population:	Imprisoned* - Convicted - Arrested
Outcome:	Reimprisonment - Reconviction* - Rearrest
Follow-up:	1 year - 2 years* - 3 years - 4 years - 5 years
Rate:	%

DETAILED INFORMATION

POPULATION	NOTES	RECOMMENDED	P#
1. Inclusion criteria			
a. Geographical	Are you reporting on the country as a whole, or a specific region?	Include whole country.	
b. Index disposal	Who is included? Imprisoned, convicted, arrested? Define offences.	Imprisoned.	
c. Population	What institutions? Sub-sample or whole country?	All adult prisons (age 18+). Report sample size.	
d. Time period	When did the observation period start?	Date of release from prison.	
2. Exclusion criteria			
a. Other samples	Who is not included? e.g. secure hospital patients, youth institutions.	Exclude individuals sent to secure hospital, prisoners under 18.	
b. Other offences	What is not included? e.g. misdemeanours, minor offences, antisocial behaviour.	Include all prisoners. If any exclusions, report estimated numbers.	
c. Other disposals	What is not included? e.g. fines, community service, other sanctions.	Include all prisoners. If any exclusions, report estimated numbers.	
3. Sample			
a. Basic characteristics	Age, gender, ethnicity, education level.	Gender. 10-year age bands (18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65+).	
b. Index offences	What offences had been committed in the population?	Burglary/Theft, Fraud, Sexual offences (incl. rape), Violence against person, Motoring, Drugs, Other, not recorded.	
c. Disposal	If prisoners, what length of time did they stay?	<1 year, <5 years, <10 years, ≥10 years.	

OUTCOME	NOTES	RECOMMENDED	P#
1. Inclusion criteria			
a. Geographical	Where can the recidivism occur?	Whole country.	
b. Outcome disposal	Definition of recidivism? Imprisoned, convicted, arrested?	Convicted of <u>any</u> offence and recalls.	
c. Follow-up	How long was the sample followed-up for?	2 year follow-up (or more follow-up periods).	
d. Censoring	Was the follow-up data censored? e.g. by using survival analysis.		
d. Date	What date was used? e.g. date of offence, date of conviction.	Use date of offence.	
2. Exclusion criteria			
a. Other offences	What is not included? e.g. traffic offences, misdemeanours, etc.	Exclude traffic offences only.	
b. Other disposal	What is not included? e.g. fines, community service, suspended sentence.	Include all convictions. Exclude cautions.	
DATA	NOTES	RECOMMENDED	P#
1. Source			
a. Population	Where was the population sample data collected from?	National prison service.	
b. Outcome	Where was outcome data collected from?	National crime agency.	
2. Quality	Loss to follow-up, underreporting, misclassification etc.		
a. Linkage	How were offences to those released/convicted? (e.g. date of birth).	Unique identifiers.	
b. Pseudoconvictions	How were new convictions which related to offences before the index offence treated?	Exclude.	
3. Funding	Who funded the data linkage?		