

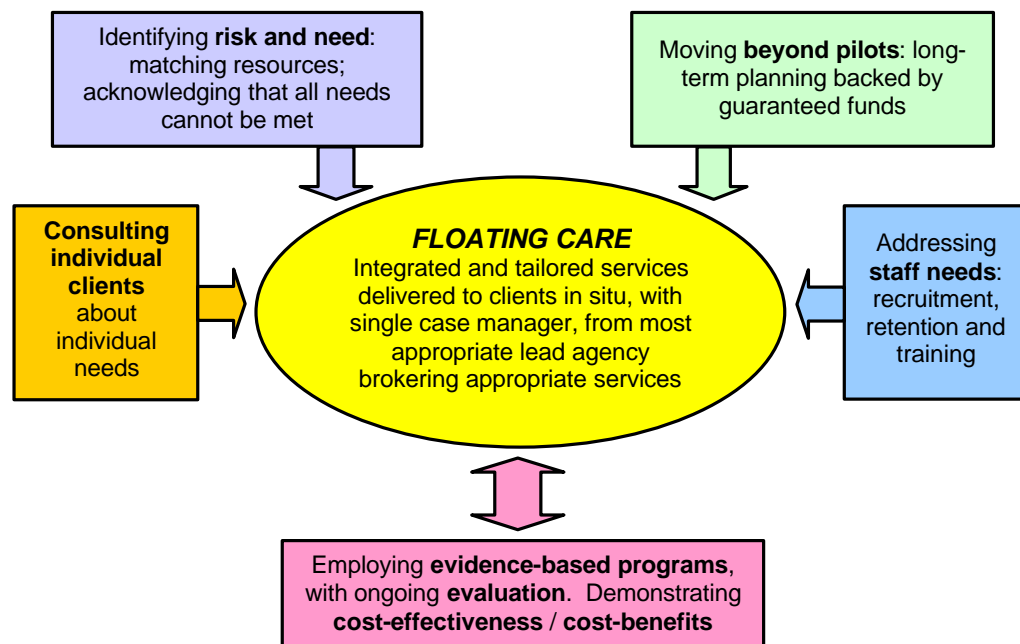


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Prisoner post-release services

The majority of Australian prisoners will one day return to the community as only four per cent of sentenced prisoners are serving “life” sentences. A paper recently released by the Australian Institute of Criminology examines various issues linked to the provision of post-release services to prisoners. The paper draws on both international literature and a roundtable discussion held at the Australian Institute of Criminology. The optimal outcome for both the community and these returning prisoners would be if ex-prisoners not only ceased to re-offend, but also experienced improved well-being and productively contributed to community life and integrated into the life and activities of mainstream society. A post-release model such as the one proposed in the paper and detailed in the figure below, could achieve multiple ends: reduced offending, improved ex-prisoner integration with mainstream society and, ultimately, enhanced community safety.

Components of a model of throughcare service delivery to ex-prisoners



SOURCE: Borzycki, M & Baldry, E. 2003, “Promoting Integration: The Provision of Prisoner Post-release Services”, *Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice*, no. 262, Australian Institute of Criminology, Canberra.

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