

	Proposed	SGC	
	Aggravating	Factors indicating higher culpability	Factors indicating a more than usually serious degree of harm
	<i>Statutory aggravating</i>		
1.	Previous convictions, having regard to a) the nature of the offence to which the conviction relates and its relevance to the current offence; and b) the time that has elapsed since the conviction	Previous conviction(s), particularly where a pattern of repeat offending is disclosed	
2.	Offence committed whilst on bail	Offence committed whilst on bail for other offences	
3.	Offence motivated by, or demonstrating hostility based on any of the following characteristics or presumed characteristics of the victim: religion, race, disability, sexual orientation or transgender identity.	Offence was racially or religiously aggravated Offence motivated by or demonstrating hostility to the victim based on his or her sexual orientation (or presumed sexual orientation) Offence motivated by or demonstrating hostility to the victim based on his or her disability (or presumed disability)	
	<i>Other aggravating</i>		
4.		Failure to respond to previous sentences	
5.	Commission of offence whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs	Commission of an offence whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs	

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6.	Offence was committed as part of a group or gang	Offenders operating in groups or gangs	
7.	Offence involved use or threat of use of a weapon	Use of a weapon to frighten or injure victim	
8.	Gratuitous degradation of victim / maximising distress to victim		Additional degradation of the victim (e.g. taking photographs of victim as part of a sexual offence)
9.		An intention to commit more serious harm than resulted from the offence	
10.		Deliberate and gratuitous violence or damage to property, over and above what is needed to carry out the offence	
11.	Planning of an offence	Planning of an offence	
12.	Commission of the offence for financial gain	Commission of the offence for financial gain (where this is not inherent in the offence itself)	
13.	High level of profit from the offence	High level of profit from the offence	
14.		'Professional' offending	

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15.	Failure to respond to warnings or concerns expressed by others about the offender's behaviour	Failure to respond to warnings or concerns expressed by others about the offender's behaviour	
16.	Vulnerable victim	Deliberate targeting of vulnerable victim(s)	Victim is particularly vulnerable
17.	Victim was providing a public service or performing a public duty at the time of the offence		Offence is committed against those working in the public sector or providing a service to the public
18.		Offence motivated by hostility towards a minority group, or a member or members of it	
19.	Other(s) put at risk of harm by the offending		
20.			Multiple victims
21.			An especially serious physical or psychological effect on the victim, even if unintended
22.			A sustained assault or repeated assaults on the same victim

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23.			In property offences, high value (including sentimental value) of property to the victim, or substantial consequential loss (e.g. where the theft of equipment causes serious disruption to a victim's life or business)
24.	Offence committed in the presence of others (especially children)		Presence of others e.g. relatives, especially children or partner of the victim
25.	Actions after the event (including but not limited to attempts to cover up/ conceal evidence)	An attempt to conceal or dispose of evidence	
26.	Blame wrongly placed on other(s)		
27.	Offence committed on licence or post sentence supervision or while subject to court order(s)	Offence committed whilst on licence	
28.	Offence committed in custody		
29.	Offence committed in a domestic context		
30.	Abuse of trust or dominant position	Abuse of power Abuse of a position of trust	

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31.	Location and/or timing of offence		Location of the offence (for example, in an isolated place)
32.	Established evidence of community/ wider impact		
33.	Prevalence		Prevalence
34.	Offences taken into consideration		

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	Mitigating	Factors indicating significantly lower culpability	Personal mitigation
35.	No previous convictions or no relevant/recent convictions		
36.	Good character and/or exemplary conduct		
37.	Remorse		Remorse
38.	Self-reporting		
39.	Cooperation with the investigation/ early admissions		Admissions to police in interview Ready co-operation with the authorities

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40.	Little or no planning		
41.	The offender was in a lesser or subordinate role if acting with others / performed limited role under direction		The fact that the offender played only a minor role in the offence
42.	Little or no financial gain		
43.	Involved through coercion, intimidation or exploitation		
44.	Limited awareness or understanding of the offence		
45.	Delay since apprehension		
46.	Activity originally legitimate		
47.	Age and/or lack of maturity		Youth or age where it affects the responsibility of the individual defendant
48.	Sole or primary carer for dependent relatives		
49.	Physical disability or serious medical conditions requiring urgent, intensive or long-term treatment		

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50.	Mental disorder or learning disability		Mental illness or disability
51.	Determination and /or demonstration of steps having been taken to address addiction or offending behaviour		
52.		A greater degree of provocation than normally expected	

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