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National Investigation into the Longitudinal Effects of a Forensic Integrated Care Approach on Criminal Behaviour

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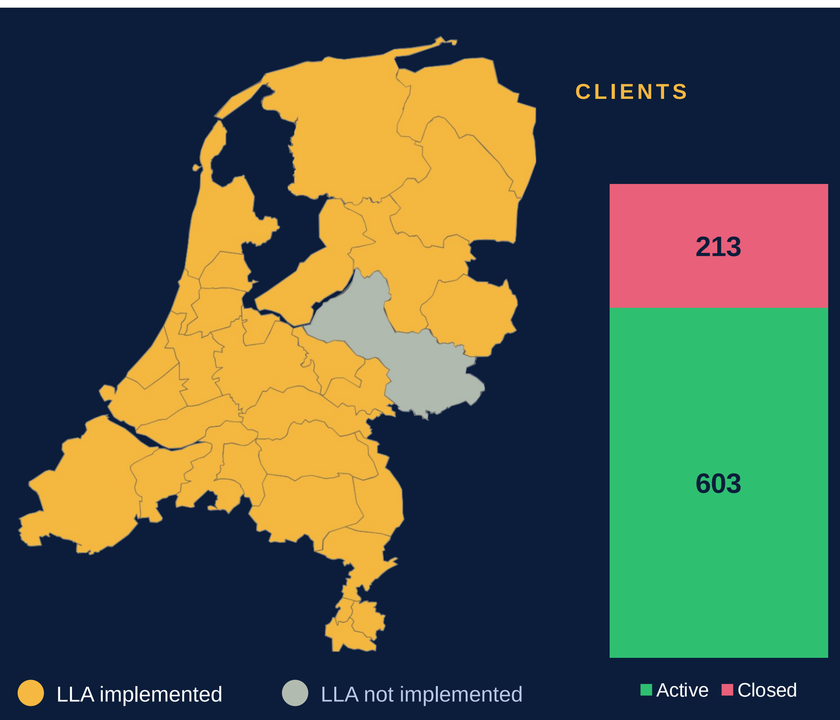
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THE STUDY IN ONE SENTENCE

Does a life-course, network-based care approach reduce dangerous and criminal behaviour in people with complex needs? We follow clients in the Netherlands, from 4 years before inclusion to 4 years after case closure.

Complex needs: mental disorder(s), addiction and/or intellectual disability, combined with a high risk of violence.

NATIONAL COHORT | LONGITUDINAL | MIXED METHODS | COST ANALYSIS



Why this study

Fragmented care

Poor coordination between justice, (mental) health care and social partners lead to crucial information being lost, and risks missed [1], [2].

The LLA response

Since 2019: a person-centred network approach that offers continuous care and support, aiming for fewer (repeat) offences and safer communities[3].

The evidence gap

No large-scale national or in-depth analytical study on the LLA has been done yet.

Five research questions

1 How effective is the LLA in reducing dangerous and/or criminal behaviour?

OBSERVATIONAL, RETRO- AND PROSPECTIVE STUDY

4 years before inclusion	During LLA	≤ 4 years after case closure

Police registrations | Arrests | Convictions | Risk assessment scores | Objective well-being

PRIMARY OUTCOME:
Frequency & prevalence, compared across four levels

- Individual clients
- Regions
- Subgroups (characteristics, demographics)
- Total study population

2 Who are the clients, and can profiles be distinguished?

Exploratory profiling of monitoring data (living situation, work, social network, treatment) with demographic and judicial data.

QUANTITATIVE

3 How do partner organisations view the collaborative approach?

Annual focus groups with network partners, reported as case reports.

FOCUS GROUPS

4 How do clients experience the LLA and their well-being?

One-off interviews with a small, randomly selected group of clients.

INTERVIEWS

5 What costs are associated with the LLA approach?

Annual costs per client, corrected for inflation, from 4 years before inclusion until case closure, compared over time and across domains. Findings from RQ3 and RQ4 add qualitative context.

Judicial — criminal behaviour + **Mental health care** — treatment & admission + **Government** — Social Support Act (Wmo)

[1] Hoekstra et al. (2015) Het rapport van de onderzoekscommissie strafrechtelijke beslissingen Openbaar Ministerie naar aanleiding van de zaak-Bart van U.
[2] Seegers et al. (2023). Bridge the Gap [3] Levensloopaanpak – Zorg en veiligheid voor inwoners. (n.d.). https://levensloopaanpak.nl/.

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