

# **An Economic Evaluation of Reducing Offending in Partnership**

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**Summary:** Reducing Offending in Partnership (ROP) is a partnership aimed at reducing the reoffending of the most prolific offenders in Northern Ireland. This article reports on a research study that provided an economic assessment of the overarching ROP programme by examining the input costs and outputs of the programme under a single comparative economic model. Specifically, the research examines the criminal activity of over 100 priority offenders who joined the ROP programme in 2014. The study also provides analysis on the financial investment and the overall value for money of the programme by assessing its net economic benefit and cost-benefit ratio.

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