

Aggravating factors

UA	GNM	LC	DR
1. History of violence or abuse towards victim by offender	1. History of violence or abuse towards victim by offender	1. History of violence or abuse towards victim by offender	1. History of violence or abuse towards victim by offender
2. Involvement of others through coercion, intimidation or exploitation	2. Involvement of others through coercion, intimidation or exploitation	2. Involvement of others through coercion, intimidation or exploitation	2. Involvement of others through coercion, intimidation or exploitation
3. Significant mental or physical suffering caused to the deceased	3. Significant mental or physical suffering caused to the deceased	3. Significant mental or physical suffering caused to the deceased	3. Significant mental or physical suffering caused to the deceased
4. Victim particularly vulnerable due to age or disability			4. Victim particularly vulnerable due to age or disability
	4. Offender ignored previous warnings		
5. Victim was providing a public service or performing a public duty at the time of the offence		4. Victim was providing a public service or performing a public duty at the time of the offence	5. Victim was providing a public service or performing a public duty at the time of the offence
6. Commission of offence whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs	5. Commission of offence whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs	5. Commission of offence whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs	6. Commission of offence whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs
7. Persistence of violence		6. Persistence of violence	
			7. A significant degree of planning or premeditation
8. Offence involved use of a weapon	6. Offence involved use of a weapon	7. Offence involved use of a weapon	8. Offence involved use of a weapon

9. Other(s) put at risk of harm by the offending	7. Other(s) put at risk of harm by the offending	8. Other(s) put at risk of harm by the offending	9. Other(s) put at risk of harm by the offending
10. Leading role in group or gang			
11. Death occurred in the context of an offence which was planned or premeditated			
12. Offence committed in the presence of children			
13. Actions after the event (including but not limited to attempts to cover up/ conceal evidence)	8. Actions after the event (including but not limited to attempts to cover up/ conceal evidence)	9. Actions after the event (including but not limited to attempts to cover up/ conceal evidence)	10. Actions after the event (including but not limited to attempts to cover up/ conceal evidence)
			11. Concealment, destruction, defilement or dismemberment of the body.
14. Blame wrongly placed on other(s)	9. Investigation has been hindered and/or other(s) have suffered as a result of being falsely blamed by the offender		12. Blame wrongly placed on other(s)
15. Abuse of a position of trust	10. The duty of care arose from a close personal or familial relationship where the deceased was dependent on the offender		

16. Offence committed on licence or post sentence supervision or while subject to court order(s)	11. Offence committed on licence or post sentence supervision or while subject to court order(s)	10. Offence committed on licence or post sentence supervision or while subject to court order(s)	13. Offence committed on licence or post sentence supervision or while subject to court order(s)
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Mitigating factors

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1. No previous convictions or no relevant/recent convictions	1. No previous convictions or no relevant/recent convictions	1. No previous convictions or no relevant/recent convictions	1. No previous convictions or no relevant/recent convictions
2. Remorse	2. Remorse	2. Remorse	2. Remorse
3. Attempts to assist the victim	3. Attempts to assist the victim	3. Intention to cause serious bodily harm rather than to kill	3. Intention to cause serious bodily harm rather than to kill
4. History of significant violence or abuse towards the offender by the victim		4. History of significant violence or abuse towards the offender by the victim	4. History of significant violence or abuse towards the offender by the victim
5. Lack of premeditation			5. Lack of premeditation
		5. Violence initiated by the victim	6. The offender acted in self-defence or in fear of violence (where not amounting to a defence)
			7. The offender made genuine and sustained attempts to seek help for the mental disorder

			8. Belief by the offender that the killing was an act of mercy
	4. Self-reporting and/or co-operation with the investigation		
	5. For reasons outside the offender's control, the offender lacked the necessary expertise, equipment, support or training which contributed to the negligent conduct		
	6. For reasons outside the offender's control, the offender was subject to stress or pressure (including from competing or complex demands) which related to and contributed to the negligent conduct		
	7. For reasons outside the offender's control the negligent conduct occurred in circumstances where there was reduced scope for exercising usual care and competence		
	8. The negligent conduct was compounded by the actions or omissions of others		

	outside of the offender's control		
6. Good character and/or exemplary conduct	9. Good character and/or exemplary conduct	6. Good character and/or exemplary conduct	9. Good character and/or exemplary conduct
7. Serious medical conditions requiring urgent, intensive or long-term treatment	10. Serious medical conditions requiring urgent, intensive or long-term treatment	7. Serious medical conditions requiring urgent, intensive or long-term treatment	10. Serious medical conditions requiring urgent, intensive or long-term treatment
8. Mental disorder, learning disability	11. Mental disorder, learning disability	8. Mental disorder, learning disability	
9. Age and/or lack of maturity	12. Age and/or lack of maturity	9. Age and/or lack of maturity	11. Age and/or lack of maturity
10. Sole or primary carer for dependent relatives	13. Sole or primary carer for dependent relatives	10. Sole or primary carer for dependent relatives	12. Sole or primary carer for dependent relatives

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