

## Drug Rehabilitation Requirement



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## About your treatment

The Court has decided that you need support with the way you use drugs and that you need help to deal with it. This leaflet tells you about the Drug Rehabilitation Requirement that the Court has decided you must do as part of your sentence.

You will receive treatment depending on your own individual needs, such as substitute prescribing or attending a day centre. You may have agreed to treatment in a residential rehabilitation centre.

You will take part in a drug rehabilitation programme, which may last for up to three years if you are on a Community Order or, up to two years, if you are on a Suspended Sentence Order. You will be tested regularly to monitor your use of drugs and your Drug Rehabilitation Requirement will start straight after you are sentenced.

Your responsible officer will discuss the details of your Drug Rehabilitation Requirement with you and will make arrangements for your treatment.

Please note that drug treatment and testing under a Drug Rehabilitation Requirement is an Order of the Court so it is important that you co-operate with it.

## About Court review hearings

Unless you have been told otherwise, the Court will review the progress you are making with your Drug Rehabilitation Requirement. This will involve you attending a Court hearing.

The Court will decide how you are doing by listening to what they are told about your progress and by reading written reports. The reports will include the results of drug testing and the views of the people providing your treatment.

Your responsible officer will make sure you understand how these hearings work.

### Your responsible officer will:

- explain your sentence to you;
- discuss the plan for your sentence;
- explain the kind of treatment you might receive;
- tell you where you need to be and what time you must be there;
- tell you what will happen if you do not co-operate with treatment or testing;
- arrange for you to be taken back to Court if you do not co-operate or comply with your Order;
- review your progress with the treatment provider and yourself, and work with you to help you complete your sentence successfully;
- tell the Court how you are doing if they ask for your progress to be reviewed; and
- treat you fairly.

### **It is important that you:**

- listen carefully to what your responsible officer says and do what they ask you to do;
- turn up for appointments on time;
- stay out of trouble and make sure you turn up in a fit state to take part;
- show respect to probation staff and other people you meet during your sentence;
- tell your responsible officer if circumstances change for example if you move address, change phone number, are unable to keep your appointment or have any problems completing your sentence; and
- carry out any instructions you may be given when you attend your treatment.

It is very important that you attend your appointments and work hard to complete your sentence. If you think you are going to miss an appointment, please inform your responsible officer as soon as possible and tell them why.

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### **Other information**

For more information about this leaflet or if you need help or advice about anything to do with your sentence, please speak to your responsible officer.

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