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What are my rights?

You will be treated fairly and without discrimination and you are expected to behave in the same way. The Probation Service will not accept racist, sexist or other discriminatory behaviour towards you from either staff or fellow group members.

If you have concerns about discrimination during the group sessions, talk to your Case Manager. You could be supported in the group.

If, at any other time, you feel unfairly treated, you have the right to complain to the Senior Probation Officer in your area. Phone the number on this leaflet for information. If you are not satisfied with the response, you can write to the Chief Officer at the address on this leaflet.



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Drink Impaired Drivers Programme

Information for Offenders

You have been sentenced to attend the Drink Impaired Drivers (DID) Programme as part of your supervision (Community Rehabilitation, Community Punishment and Rehabilitation Order or Licence). This leaflet explains what this is and what is expected of you.

How will the “DID” programme help me?

It will teach you new skills to help you avoid driving whenever you have been drinking.

You will learn:

- how to avoid drink driving in the future
- about the effects of alcohol and drink driving
- how to plan effectively
- how to solve problems
- safe driving.

How long is the “DID” programme?

You will normally attend one session a week for between 20 and 26 sessions. Each session is two hours although some may be longer.

What will I do on the Programme?

For 16 of the sessions, you will be in a group with other offenders, taking part in activities, role-plays and discussions. All sessions are video recorded.

You must agree to the following conditions:

- arrive on time and stay to the end
- arrive clear-headed, not under the influence of drugs, alcohol or solvents
- turn off your mobile phone
- accept responsibility
- take part in the exercises
- talk about your offending
- treat tutors and other group members with respect, avoiding offensive language
- respect confidentiality

What happens if I miss a session?

You must attend all the sessions and keep every appointment with your Case Manager. If you miss more than two sessions, for whatever reason, you will have to start the programme again.

- If you can't attend for any reason, you must contact your Case Manager straight away to explain.
- If you are ill, you must give a doctor's sick note (not a self-certificate) to your Case Manager within five working days.

If this is not accepted you will be:

- returned to court
- or
- given a formal warning and told to continue the programme.

Remember – always keep your Case Manager informed.

How do I find out how I am doing?

Before the programme starts, you will have a two to three hour session with the other group members and the tutors. You will be asked to fill in some questionnaires. You will be asked to do this again when you have finished all the sessions. The questionnaires will show how your skills and attitudes have changed. The tutors also write a report on your progress and they will talk about it with your Case Manager.