

Requirements

The offender will:

- be supervised in accordance with Probation Service National Standards
- attend four to five structured sessions on alcohol use with the Offender Manager
- be returned to Court promptly for any failure to comply

Making the Requirement

- Offenders will be subject to a Community Order or Suspended Sentence Order with an Alcohol Activity Requirement on a maximum of 5 days.



Alcohol Activity Requirement

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Aim

The Alcohol Activity Requirement (Section 201 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003) is a specified activity. This will constitute a specific intervention on alcohol use. The aim of the Requirement is to assist offenders to reduce and more effectively manage their alcohol use, thereby improving their health and reducing the risk of alcohol related offending behaviour. It is recommended that the Alcohol Activity Requirement is always made alongside a Supervision Requirement to ensure that all aspects of offending behaviour can be addressed.

Suitability

This Requirement is aimed at offenders aged 18 and over who have been assessed as suitable by the Probation Service, ie

- alcohol use identified as a factor linked to their offending behaviour
- alcohol use assessed at a level above the recommended daily or weekly safe limit
- that the alcohol intervention can be delivered by a suitably trained Offender Manager

Outcomes

The Alcohol Activity Requirement forms a structured package of “brief interventions” which is used across criminal justice and health services. It has an evidence base of effectiveness in reducing levels of alcohol consumption. Offenders who complete the Alcohol Activity Requirement will:

- have a better understanding of alcohol consumption and the associated risks
- examine the health problems linked to alcohol misuse
- develop strategies to reduce the level of consumption