

## Requirements

The offender will:

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



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# Alcohol Activity Requirement

*Information for Offender Managers*

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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 using OASys and AUDIT. The key factors are:

- alcohol use identified as linked to offending behaviour
- alcohol use assessed at a level above the recommended daily or weekly safe limit

When determining suitability, Offender Managers should consult targeting guidance issued by Cheshire Probation Area on the range of alcohol interventions available.

## 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