

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 Offender Manager.

If, at any time, you feel unfairly treated, you have the right to complain to the Senior Probation Officer in your area. Telephone 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.

Should you require this information in another language or format, e.g. large-print, Braille, etc, please contact the Contracts Officer, details as below.

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Accredited Internet Sexual Offending Treatment Programme (i-SOTP)

Information for Offenders

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As part of your Supervision, you are required to attend the Internet Sexual Offending Treatment Programme.

This leaflet explains what is expected of you.

How will the Programme help me?

You will learn:

- new skills and ways of coping with situations and feelings that have led to offending in the past.
- what you have to do to stop further offending.
- how to identify and deal with risks.
- how to avoid difficult places, situations and patterns of behaviour that could lead to offending.

How long is the programme?

You are required to attend 35 two-hour sessions. Completion of other work in between sessions will also be expected of you.

What will I do on the Programme?

You will be in a group with other men who have committed similar offences. You will take part in a range of activities looking at problem situations and how to respond.

You will be encouraged to practise new ways of thinking and learn how to make decisions without re-offending.

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 telephone.
- take part in the exercises.
- treat staff and other group members with respect, avoiding offensive language.
- respect confidentiality.
- speak about your offending within the group.

What happens if I miss a session?

To complete the programme you must successfully attend every session.

If you miss a session you will need to do a catch-up session before you can carry on.

You can catch-up a maximum of four sessions. If you miss any more, you will have to start the programme again.

If you miss a session without a good enough reason which has been agreed by your Offender Manager, you could face a return to Court and/or prison.

If you can't attend for any reason, you must contact your Offender Manager straight away to explain.

If you are ill, you must provide a Self-Certificate note to your Offender Manager within five working days.

How can I find out how I am doing?

Before the programme starts 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 much your attitudes have changed by working through the programme.