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If you have a problem, please speak to a member of staff.

## Your Views are Important

We are committed to continuous improvement in all areas of our work. Your views on how we might provide a better service are most welcome.

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# Alcohol Treatment Requirement

Information for Sentencers

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This programme is normally attached as a condition of a 12 month Community Rehabilitation Order and is aimed at persistent offenders whose alcohol dependency has contributed to offending which warrants a restriction of liberty within a community sentence.

## The Aims of the Programme

The treatment condition will last for three months and aims to:

- reduce the nature and extent of alcohol misuse and therefore cut associated offending
- stabilise chaotic drug/alcohol use and its associated lifestyle
- establish and maintain sustainable positive change

Regular reviews will take place between the Probation Officer, the key worker and the offender to ascertain the rate of progress. The supervising Probation Officer also works with the offender regarding

offending related behaviour and other issues.

The offender may continue treatment on a voluntary basis after three months.

## Target Group

Treatment Orders are intended for offenders:-

- who are dependent on alcohol
- whose dependency has contributed to the offence(s) for which they are to be sentenced
- whose offending is sufficiently serious to warrant a community sentence
- whose dependency may respond to treatment
- who agree to consent to a Community Rehabilitation Order with a condition of treatment for alcohol misuse

## Enforcement

Programme participants are monitored very closely and failure to comply with the programme is investigated within two working days. Breach action will also be implemented at any stage if the failure to comply is considered serious.

## Legal Framework

If in the Court's view a Community Rehabilitation Order with an additional requirement to attend this programme is appropriate, the following wording is needed. 'To receive treatment as a non-resident at North Derbyshire Alcohol Advice Service (Powers of the Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000, Section 42, Schedule 2 (6))'.