

Equal Opportunities

Derbyshire Probation Trust is committed to ensuring that it operates fairly and consistently and avoids discrimination on the grounds of race, nationality, ethnic origin, gender, age, disability, religion, sexual orientation or any other improper ground.

If you feel you have been discriminated against, please discuss this with a member of staff and this will be dealt with accordingly.

Dealing with Complaints

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

If you wish to take the matter further, please ask for the leaflet which tells you about our Complaints Procedure.

If there is anything contained in this leaflet that you do not understand, please ensure you discuss this with your key worker or Probation Officer.

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.

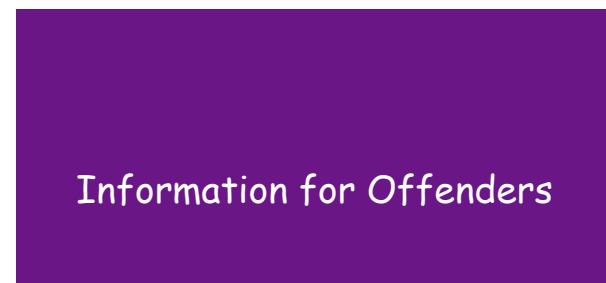
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The New Directions Programme

This leaflet tells you what to expect from your New Direction Programme.

There will be 6 group sessions, each lasting up to an hour. The sessions are designed to raise awareness in the given subjects and help you know where to seek further advice or support.

Each session will be delivered by 2 members of staff. As The New Direction Programme is a rolling programme the group members and staff may change.

Each session will be recorded. This is mainly to monitor staff delivery and help improve practice. Recordings will be stored securely and will only be disclosed if there is a legal obligation to do so e.g. as evidence in court proceedings.

If you have any concerns or there is anything you do not understand, please speak to a member of staff.

The 6 Sessions

- ◆ **Job Search and Skills**
Aim: To maximise employment and training opportunities and to raise awareness of the service provided by the Employment, Training and Education team.
- ◆ **Thinking Skills**
Aim: To look at how thinking effects behaviour and how to challenge thinking.
- ◆ **What's Available**
Aim: To explore what facilities are available in the community, particularly in relation to housing
- ◆ **Alcohol and Drugs**
Aim: To raise awareness of how substances effect behaviour
- ◆ **Consequences**
Aim: To explore the impact of crime on victims
- ◆ **Health and Relaxation**
Aim: To explore healthy lifestyles and how to register with a doctor

What is expected of you

- ◆ To attend every session on time
- ◆ Not to attend while under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- ◆ Respect of the group rules
- ◆ To take part in all the sessions even when the subject does not seem personally relevant.
- ◆ Not to be violent, racially abusive, sexually abusive or offensive to others. This would result in suspension from the Programme and a return to Court.

The sessions you are instructed to attend are part of your Community Order / Suspended Sentence Order and therefore you risk being taken back to court for breach if you do not attend.

If you are unable to attend a session you must contact the groupwork centre and let your Supervising Officer know, giving them proof of any reason you have.