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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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Specified Activity (Compliance Module)



Information for Sentencers

The Compliance Module

The Compliance Module is a 'Specified Activity' available to the court as a requirement of a Community Order or Suspended Sentence Order.

It will be a sentencing option available primarily at Breach hearings to aid completion of the Order as a rehabilitative tool.

As a requirement in its own right, the activity will also provide a punitive element by requiring the offender to attend for *additional* sessions with Probation Staff. This will serve to mark the breach by making the existing order more onerous, whilst assisting the offender in positive engagement with his / her Sentence Plan.

The Activity can also be proposed at pre-sentence report stage in cases where poor compliance has been a factor in past contact with the Probation Service. This

would normally be as one of a number of requirements, depending on offence seriousness and/or offender need.

Module content

The Module consists of four 1.5 hour sessions and is designed to allow the offender to address the reasons for lack of compliance and develop ways to improve attendance and engagement in order to successfully complete their Community Order, Suspended Sentence or Licence.

The Module is based on Cognitive Behavioural theory with exercises derived from accredited programmes. It will be delivered with an active directive approach using motivational techniques.

National Standards will require the offender to be instructed to commence the activity within 15

working days of sentence (unless a later date was proposed and agreed by the sentencing court) and should take approximately four weeks to complete.

The consent of the Offender is not necessary, however the Court needs to be satisfied that the offender is willing to re-engage with the Order.
