



Ministry of Justice

Community Sentence Order Requirements

For offences committed on or after 4 April 2005

This handout tells you about the Drug Rehabilitation Requirement that the court has decided you must do as part of your sentence. You might also be given other handouts to help explain any other Requirement or Requirements the court has decided you must do.

Drug Rehabilitation Requirement

The court has decided that you have a problem with drugs and that you need help to deal with it. You have agreed to undergo treatment. An assessment will have been carried out before you were sentenced to decide the right sort of treatment for you.

You will take part in a drug rehabilitation programme. The programme might last for up to 3 years if you are on a Community Order or for up to 2 years if you are on a Suspended Sentence Order. This might involve counselling, substitute prescribing or attending a day centre. You may have agreed to treatment in a residential rehabilitation centre. You will be tested regularly to monitor your use of drugs.

Your Drug Rehabilitation Requirement starts straight away after you are sentenced. The person responsible for your sentence in the Probation Service (your 'responsible officer') will discuss the details of your Drug Rehabilitation Requirement with you.

Drug treatment and testing under a Drug Rehabilitation Requirement is an Order of the court and you **must** co-operate with it.

If you need help or advice about anything to do with your sentence, you can always talk to your Offender Manager.

We keep information about you in our records. It is kept safely and securely. If you want to find out about seeing this information please ask your responsible officer.