

## After you complete DIDS

- We give you a certificate. This shows your achievement.
- You must attend an appointment with your Case Manager and your Programme leaders in order to:
  - review your progress
  - agree any follow-up work
- We keep a record of your attendance
- We check your record in 2 years to see if you are convicted further. DID aims to stop offending.

## If you are unhappy

If you are unhappy about our service in any way, talk to your Programme tutor or supervising officer. Our staff will listen and do what they can to help. If you are not satisfied, ask to talk to the Team Manager at the centre you attend.

If you wish to take it further, ask for our leaflet 'How to make a complaint'

## Information about you

Our staff keep information about you in records and on computer. We keep all records safe and secure. If you wish to know more about this, please ask to see our leaflet: 'Your right to see your records'

## To contact us

Make a note here of your: Programme Leader when you have started the programme.

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Address.....

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Telephone.....

If English is not your first language and you would like an interpreter present with us, please ask us to arrange this.

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## Probation's aims are

- Protect the public
- Reduce re-offending
- Proper punishment of offenders
- Rehabilitation of offenders
- Increasing offenders' awareness for victims

# Drink Impaired Drivers

## Probation Programme

*Enforcement, rehabilitation and public protection*



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## About DIDS (Drink Impaired Drivers) programme

It is a probation programme that aims to reduce re-offending. It is part of a sentence imposed on you by the Court.

It is for men and women whose offending involves driving and alcohol. This includes driving whilst unfit/ over legal limit, being drunk in charge of a vehicle, failing to provide a specimen, or aiding, abetting or attempting any of these.

### DIDS aims to help you to:

- avoid offending again
- understand how alcohol affects you
- understand the effect of alcohol on essential driving skills
- learn new ways to cope and resist pressure to drive when unfit after drinking

### You can expect of us

- fair and equal treatment. We respect your rights.
- help with the problems that led to your offending

## What you must do

- Tell us your current address where we can contact you.
- attend all appointments we give you. You must arrive on time.
- Complete a questionnaire about yourself.
- attend a DIDS session each week for a total of 14 weeks. You will be in a group with other people. Each session is 2 hours 30 minutes. (You may be asked to spend a little time on tasks to be done at home in between sessions.)
- take part in the group, listen and be willing to talk about your offending
- treat other people with respect. It is unacceptable to use racist, sexist or other offensive remarks or behaviour
- respect the group confidentiality

**After the programme:** complete a follow-up questionnaire to understand your progress.

## When to attend

- **First appointment:** at a Probation Office. Tell us about any work you do and usual work times, to plan your programme. You will undertake some work with your Probation Officer regarding your offending before you start the programme.
- **Programme sessions:** may be daytime and evening or at the weekend.

## Where to attend

This may be at Blackpool, Blackburn or Preston. We help with travel cost: either a rail pass or bus token. **We will write to tell you when to start the programme and where to attend**

### If you are ill/cannot attend:

You must tell us straight away and

- ask your GP doctor to sign a Medical certificate.
- make sure we receive it within 7 days of your absence. (We cannot accept a self-certificate)

**If you do not attend or do not take part in a group session:** We will ask you to explain why. If your reason is not acceptable, we will:

- give you written warning to continue the programme

**or**

- take action to return you to the Court.

If you have any problems while on the programme, please tell your Programme Leader. He or she will see how you may be able to find advice or help.