What do you have to do?

- See a Diversion Officer
- Attend court every 2 weeks
- Attend an agency to see a drug and alcohol counsellor once a week
- Attend urinalysis 3 times a week
- Sign a consent form so information can be shared between the CCO, Diversion Officer, the drug and alcohol agency and the Magistrate.

Other contacts:

Alcohol & Drug Information Service (ADIS)
Phone: (08) 9442 5000
Country callers only: 1800 198 024
E-mail: adis@health.wa.gov.au

Parent Drug Information Service (PDIS)
Phone: (08) 9442 5050
Country callers only: 1800 653 203

Appointment information

AGENCY/COUNSELLOR .....

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DATE/TIME .....

ADDRESS .....

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PHONE .....

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NEXT COURT APPEARANCE .....

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STIR REGIONAL

Supervised Treatment Intervention Regime

A free program to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have substance use problems and are attending court.

What is STIR?

The Supervised Treatment Intervention Regime (STIR) is a court diversion program. This program aims to help people with their substance use problems by directing them into treatment before sentencing.

The program runs for about 4 months with support from a Community Corrections Officer (CCO) and a Diversion Officer.

Referral to STIR is at the Magistrate's discretion.

The Magistrate may take your participation in STIR into account when sentencing.

Who is it for?

Any person pleading guilty to an offence who

- Has problems related to substance use and is prepared to do something about it
- Has no serious offences, or offences appearing in the District or Supreme Courts
- Is on bail, or is eligible for bail.

First Court Appearance

If you are attending court and have substance use problems someone may suggest that you be referred onto the STIR program.

This could be the Magistrate, Diversion Officer, Lawyer/Legal representative (ALS or Duty Lawyer) or someone else.

The Magistrate may then choose to stand you down to see the Diversion Officer.

The Diversion Officer will do an assessment to see if the program is suitable for you.

OR

Assessment

You will then meet with a Community Corrections Officer (CCO) to discuss the program.

If the Diversion Officer, the CCO and the Magistrate all agree, you will be remanded and placed on the program.

If the program is not suitable for you, then you will be sentenced.

OR

Urinalysis

Treatment

Case management

Reviews by magistrate

While on the program, you will be case managed by a CCO.

You will need to:

- Appear in court regularly
- Attend an agency to see a drug and alcohol counsellor, usually the Diversion Officer
- Provide urine samples on a regular basis.

The program runs for around 4 months. Once you have completed the program, feedback will be given to the Diversion Officer to present to the Magistrate.

Sentencing without STIR

If you don't participate in the program the Magistrate will sentence you on your first court day.

Sentencing with STIR

The Magistrate may take your participation in STIR into account when sentencing you.