

Step 5

The Magistrate, after considering your involvement with POP, will finalise sentencing.

Agency appointment information

Date: _____

Time: _____

Address: _____

Counsellor: _____

Phone: _____

Next court appearance

Date: _____

Time: _____

Location: _____

POP Officer contact details

Empty box for POP Officer contact details.

Other contacts:

Alcohol and 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)

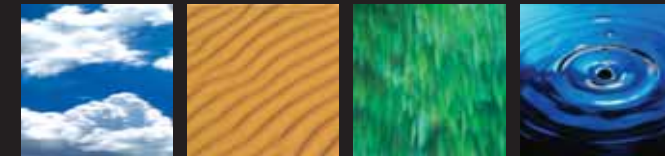
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POP

Pre sentence Opportunity Program



Information for participants



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Aim of POP

The Pre sentence Opportunity Program (POP) is an early intervention court diversion program that aims to divert eligible offenders with a clear drug problem into treatment.

Participation in POP is voluntary.

POP is not available in all courts.

Any information you give will be strictly confidential.

How can POP help?

For many people, appearing in court can be a strong signal that some things in their life need to change. Some of these things may have to do with drug use. If this is your situation, POP can help you understand how your drug use is affecting you and what place it has in your life. If you wish, POP can assist you to contact services that can help you make changes to improve your life.

If you attend a treatment service and return to court for sentencing, the Magistrate may take this into account. For example, if you have found a service very helpful in starting to change your drug use, the Magistrate may deal with you in a way which supports you continuing that process.

You will not be penalised if you do not follow up treatment at this time.

Who can participate in POP?

Any person pleading guilty to an offence and who:

- has problems related to drug use;
- does not have an extensive record for serious criminal offences;
- has fairly stable living circumstances;
- would normally expect to receive a fine or a Community Based Order on a plea of guilty;
- is prepared to access treatment for drug use problems;
- is on bail; and/or
- meets the other referral criteria for the program.

The referral to POP will be at the Magistrate's discretion at all times.

What does POP require me to do?

- Be interviewed by an officer of a drug treatment service, referred to here as the Project Officer.
- Attend a drug treatment agency if assessed as suitable and agreeing to do so.
- Sign a consent form to permit information to be shared with the Project Officer, the treatment agency and the Magistrate. This information will relate only to your attendance and participation while in treatment.

How does POP work?

Step 1

The Magistrate stands you down to discuss your drug use issues with the Project Officer.

Step 2

The Project Officer discusses your drug use with you and, if you wish, an appointment is made with a treatment service. In some areas, the POP project officer will also provide the treatment. If you don't want to go to a service, that is OK.

Step 3

The Project Officer reports back to the Magistrate on the outcome of your interview. If you choose to see a treatment agency, the Magistrate will defer sentencing for 4-8 weeks. If you choose not to access further help at this point, the Magistrate will proceed with sentencing there and then.

Step 4

If you choose to participate in POP, one week prior to your due date back in court, your counsellor will provide a report to the Project Officer on your progress. This report will include details such as whether you attended the first appointment, whether you have made further appointments and whether you attended after the first appointment. This report will also be provided to the Magistrate.

You are welcome to discuss this report with your counsellor before it is sent.