

Step 5

You will be required to appear in court on a regular basis so that the Magistrate can review your progress. Your case management team may meet beforehand to discuss how your treatment is progressing.

Step 6

One week prior to your due date back in court, your counsellor will provide a progress report to the Project Officer. The report will be provided to your CCO for submission to the court. The report will include how well you have been participating in treatment and whether you intend to continue.

Step 7

The Magistrate will consider your involvement in STIR and will finalise sentencing.

STIR is not available in all locations of Western Australia.

You may be contacted after sentencing for feedback on the program. Any information you give will be strictly confidential.

Agency appointment information

Date: _____

Time: _____

Address: _____

Counsellor: _____

Phone: _____

Next court appearance

Date: _____

Time: _____

Location: _____

STIR officer contact details:

Other contacts:

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STIR
Supervised
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Regime

Information for participants

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Aim of STIR

The Supervised Treatment Intervention Regime (STIR) is a court diversion program that aims to divert eligible offenders with drug problems into treatment.

STIR involves the ongoing case management of the participant by a Community Corrections Officer (CCO).

How can STIR help me?

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 be related to drugs.

If this is your situation, STIR can help you understand how drug use is affecting you and what place it has in your life.

STIR can assist you to contact a drug treatment service that can help you make changes to improve your life. You will also be referred to a CCO who will provide additional support and supervision during the treatment process.

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 helpful and have met the other requirements of the program, the Magistrate may deal with you in a way that supports you continuing that process.

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

Who is eligible for STIR?

Any person pleading guilty to an offence who:

- has problems with drug use;
- does not have an extensive criminal record for serious criminal offences;
- would normally expect to receive a Community Based or Intensive Supervision Order on a plea of guilty;
- is prepared to access treatment for drug related problems and be supervised by a CCO;
- is on bail; and
- meets the other referral criteria for the program.

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

What does STIR require me to do?

- Be interviewed by an officer of a drug treatment service, referred to as the Project Officer.
- If assessed as suitable and agreeing to do so, attend a drug treatment service and be referred to a CCO for supervision.
- If accepted on the program, agree to complete all requirements including reporting to your CCO, attending the treatment service, providing random urine samples and attending court regularly to review your progress.

- Sign a consent form to allow information to be shared by the case management team. Information passed from the treatment agency to the other members of the case management team will only relate to your attendance and participation while in treatment.

How does STIR work?

Step 1

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

Step 2

The Project Officer discusses your drug use with you and, if suitable, will make an appointment for you at a drug treatment service.

Step 3

The Project Officer reports back to the Magistrate on the outcome of your interview. If suitable, the Magistrate will remand the matter for a more comprehensive drug assessment. The Magistrate will also ask for a report from a CCO.

If you choose not to participate, the Magistrate will proceed with sentencing there and then.

Step 4

The CCO will report back to the Magistrate on your suitability for STIR. If suitable, and you decide to participate, then sentencing will be deferred for 8 to 12 weeks so that you can complete the program.