

## Other contacts

If you would like more information about drugs or how to access support services in Western Australia, contact:

### **Alcohol and Drug Information Service (ADIS)**

Phone: (08) 9442 5000

Country callers only: 1800 198 024

E-mail: [adis@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:adis@health.wa.gov.au)

### **Parent Drug Information Service (PDIS)**

Phone: (08) 9442 5050

Country callers only: 1800 653 203

## Agency appointment information

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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# All Drug Diversion



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WA Drug Diversion Program

## What is All Drug Diversion ?

All Drug Diversion is a treatment program for first time adult offenders apprehended for a simple drug offence, other than cannabis.

Police have the discretion of issuing a diversion notice rather than charging you. You must meet a number of criteria before you can be issued with an All Drug Diversion notice.

You can only be issued with an All Drug Diversion notice once.

If you accept the All Drug Diversion notice, you must attend three treatment sessions within the next 30 days.

## How will I benefit from this?

You have the opportunity to discuss your drug use with a qualified counsellor free of charge.

If you complete all three treatment sessions within 30 days, you will not:

- be charged with a drug offence;
- have to attend court; or
- have a criminal conviction recorded against you.

## What is involved?

To complete an All Drug Diversion notice, you must attend three one-on-one counselling sessions to explore issues related to your drug use.

This will include:

- an initial comprehensive drug and alcohol assessment;
  - a discussion to determine your attitudes to your drug use and identify a treatment plan; and
  - agreement to, and commencement of, the continuing treatment plan.
- You must complete all three treatment sessions within 30 days from the date the diversion notice was issued.
  - Each session is approximately one hour long.
  - The initial session is booked by the police officer by contacting HealthInfo.
  - The booking will be made with the nearest/most convenient approved service provider e.g. Community Drug Service Team.
  - The details of the booking will be written on the diversion notice issued to you by the police officer.
  - Once the booking has been made, it cannot be changed.
  - At the initial session you will be required to book two further sessions with your counsellor.
  - In remote locations where face-to-face contacts are not available, you may be able to conduct the treatment by video conference or telephone counselling.

## What if I don't attend the treatment sessions?

If you fail to complete all three sessions within 30 days, a summons will be issued for the original drug offence and the matter referred to court. This means you will have to attend court and could result in you being convicted for a drug offence.

## What must I do?

- You must bring the original diversion notice to the first treatment session.
- You must bring photo identification Eg. Driver's Licence, Passport, 18+ Identification Card.
- If you appear to be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, you will not be permitted to undertake the treatment session.
- You must complete all three sessions within 30 days of the notice being issued, and sign the attendance form at the end of each of the sessions.

## Will the police be told about what I say during treatment?

No. The counsellor is not employed by the police. The matters you discuss during the sessions are confidential. The police will only be advised about whether or not you completed all three treatment sessions.