

## > About the Service

The service aims to enable people to understand and control their drinking, and help them to reduce their offending.

In order to achieve this we provide an eight week Group Work Programme to people whose offending is linked to their alcohol use and offer them the opportunity to:

- increase their knowledge of alcohol and its effects
- examine their use of alcohol and how it effects their behaviour
- acquire skills and confidence in controlling their drinking
- examine the consequences of their offending behaviour
- reduce their offending.

The Service provides the Court with:

- a programme for offenders which addresses the links between alcohol use and offending
- an extension of sentencing options
- a completion report at the end of the programme.



## > Who is it for?

Men and women who are:

1. 16 and over
2. Living in Edinburgh or Midlothian
3. Either the subject of a Social Enquiry Report where a statutory order is a possibility or are already on a statutory order
4. At further risk of re-offending, with an alcohol-offending link.

Due to the structure of the programme people must attend regularly and be sober. Groups can run in the morning, afternoon or evenings to fit with people's circumstances.

## > Who can refer?

1. Sheriffs who ask for an Alcohol Service Assessment along with a Social Enquiry Report
2. Social Enquiry Report authors who are looking for community-based resources
3. Social Workers who are supervising statutory orders where there is an alcohol-offending link.

## > How are referrals made?

1. Telephone the Service and give details of the applicant
2. An assessment interview will be offered, either at Sacro or at a social work establishment
3. The person will be interviewed, and we will liaise with the Social Worker
4. An Assessment Report will be prepared and submitted to the Court.

## > What is the procedure for attending the service?

1. We will notify the service user and the Social Worker when a date for the next group has been identified
2. A planning meeting will take place between the person, the Social Worker and service staff prior to the person starting
3. Any absences from the group or concerns regarding the person's participation within the group will be communicated to the Social Worker, and may require a review meeting to be held
4. A completion meeting will take place at the end of the programme.

## > What happens during the programme?

Each programme runs for eight weeks and service users will be required to attend once a week on the same day at the same time each week.

Throughout the programme service users will:

- be given information about alcohol
- look their own pattern of alcohol use
- consider the impact alcohol use has upon their lives
- consider the impact alcohol use has upon their offending
- be encouraged to look at those affected by their offending.

Service users will be encouraged to consider their alcohol use and changes they may need to make.

## > Contacting the Service

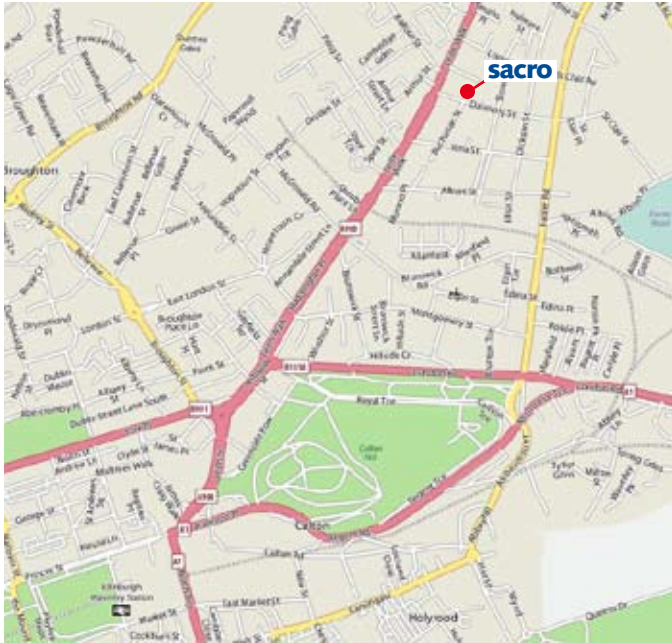
For further information on Sacro's Alcohol Group Work Service, please contact:

### Sacro Alcohol Group Work Service

23 Dalmeny Street, Edinburgh EH6 8PG

Telephone: 0131 622 7500

Email: [info@lothiancjs.sacro.org.uk](mailto:info@lothiancjs.sacro.org.uk)



For information about Sacro's other services please contact:

### Sacro National Office

29 Albany Street, Edinburgh EH3 3QN

Telephone: 0131 624 7270

Email: [info@national.sacro.org.uk](mailto:info@national.sacro.org.uk)

Sacro's Alcohol Group Work Service is jointly funded by The City of Edinburgh and Midlothian Social Work Departments.

If you would like a translated version of this leaflet, please phone 0131 624 7270 or e-mail [info@national.sacro.org.uk](mailto:info@national.sacro.org.uk) quoting reference EDI/385. This leaflet can also be made available in large print or Braille.

In order to make Sacro's services as widely available as possible, we have made every reasonable effort to facilitate easy access to all of our premises for disabled service users. Where this is not possible, we will arrange a suitable, alternative venue.



23 Dalmeny Street is wheelchair accessible.

Bu broşürün çevirisini istiyorsanız, lütfen 0131 624 7270'ı telefonla arayın veya [info@national.sacro.org.uk](mailto:info@national.sacro.org.uk) eposta gönderip EDI/385 dosya numarasını söyleyin.

اگر آپ کو اس کتابچہ کا ترجمہ درکار ہے تو براہ مہربانی 0131 624 7270 پر ٹیلیفون کریں یا [info@national.sacro.org.uk](mailto:info@national.sacro.org.uk) پر ای میل بھیجیں اور ریفرنس نمبر EDI/385 کا حوالہ دیں۔

欲索取這單張的翻譯版本，請電 0131 624 7270，或電郵 [info@national.sacro.org.uk](mailto:info@national.sacro.org.uk)，並說明檔案編號 EDI/385。

إذا كنت تريد نسخة مترجمة من هذه المنشورة الرجاء الاتصال برقم الهاتف 0131 624 7270 أو أرسل بريداً إلكترونياً إلى العنوان [info@national.sacro.org.uk](mailto:info@national.sacro.org.uk) واذكر الإشارة رقم EDI/385.

এই পুস্তিকার অনুবাদ যদি আপনি পেতে চান তাহলে 0131 624 7270 নম্বরে ফোন করে অথবা ই-মেইল করে রেফারেন্স নম্বর EDI/385 উল্লেখ করবেন

Jeśli potrzebne jest tłumaczenie w polskiej wersji językowej, bardzo prosimy o kontakt pod numerem 0131 624 7270 lub droga e-mailową [info@national.sacro.org.uk](mailto:info@national.sacro.org.uk) podając numer referencyjny EDI/385.

If you are uncertain about anything you have read in this leaflet or require further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Sacro at:

### Edinburgh Criminal Justice Services

23 Dalmeny Street, Edinburgh EH6 8PG

Tel: 0131 622 7500

Fax: 0131 622 7525

Email: [info@lothiancjs.sacro.org.uk](mailto:info@lothiancjs.sacro.org.uk)

Web: [www.sacro.org.uk](http://www.sacro.org.uk)



# Alcohol Groupwork Service

