

> The Community Links Centre

In addition to Sacro's Criminal Justice Services, the Community Links Centre (CLC) in Edinburgh, houses a range of statutory and voluntary agencies. These agencies provide valuable services aimed at helping ex-prisoners reintegrate into their communities, free of offending.

Working in partnership under one roof, the CLC hosts:

StreetLegal – a legal advice project funded by the Scottish Legal Aid Board and aimed at improving access to civil legal advice for those excluded from traditional services, including prisoners.

Progress2Work is provided across the city of Edinburgh in partnership with Apex Scotland, Jobcentre Plus and Phoenix-Futures. It is one of several measures introduced to help those disadvantaged within the labour market.

The **Passport** service in Sacro offers one-to-one support and guidance to ex-offenders who have recently been released from prison or a community service order. The service works closely with individuals to overcome barriers, and move on to access education, training or employment.

The **Housing Options Team** aims to provide avenues to all forms of housing. The service provides regular access to a dedicated housing officer who will offer regular follow up meetings and assistance on all housing options to try and achieve a positive outcome.

Edinburgh Homeless Practice Substance Misuse Team is a General Medical Service that specialises in providing primary healthcare to people experiencing homelessness or those who are at risk of homelessness.

CLAN Edinburgh (City Literacy and Numeracy) is the city's literacy and numeracy partnership project, funded by the Scottish Government and led by the City of Edinburgh Council. The partnership's key objectives are to increase the number of people confident about using English and Maths in their everyday lives, increase choice for learners and improve the quality of literacy and numeracy learning opportunities in Edinburgh.

Caledonia Youth Offenders' Project provides information, advice and support on relationships and sexual health to anyone recently released from prison.

Bethany Homemaker is part of Bethany Christian Trust, an Edinburgh based charity established in 1983 in response to the growing problem of homelessness in the city.

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This leaflet is also 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.

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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 the service at:

Edinburgh Criminal Justice Services
Community Links Centre, Epworth Halls
25 Nicolson Square, Edinburgh EH8 9BX
(off Nicolson Street near Surgeons' Hall)
Tel: 0131 622 7500
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Edinburgh & Midlothian Arrest Referral Service



Criminal Justice Services



> What is the Edinburgh & Midlothian Arrest Referral Service?

It's a service for people who are arrested and held in custody at Edinburgh Sheriff Court. We offer you an opportunity to speak with a Sacro worker about any concerns you have about your drug or alcohol use.

We aim to refer you to treatment, support and rehab services, to help you reduce your drug/alcohol use. We can also offer support and make referrals to help you deal with any other difficulties you face.

The Arrest Referral Service is voluntary – you do not have to take up the offer of help, it is up to you.

The Arrest Referral Service is not a formal part of the criminal justice process. It usually has no bearing on your court outcome. Sometimes the court may be encouraged to learn that you are prepared to take action to deal with your drinking or drug use.

> Who is it for?

If you are:

- in custody in Edinburgh Sheriff Court
- using drugs or misusing alcohol or other substances
- over 16 years of age
- resident in Edinburgh or Midlothian.

If you live outwith the Edinburgh and Midlothian area, you can still speak with the Sacro worker, who may be able to refer you on to services in your area.

> What can the service achieve?

Arrest Referral can be the first step towards taking greater control of your life and achieving recovery from your use of drugs or misuse of alcohol. If you can show you want to deal with these issues, you can be referred into medical treatment and/or local drug and alcohol support agencies. We can also offer you support and make referrals if you need help with things like housing, welfare benefits and any other problems facing you.

> How does the service work?

The Sacro worker will offer you an interview while you are in custody in the court cells. We usually follow this up with another interview at Sacro's Community Link Centre. If you are remanded, we will write to you in prison and you can get in touch when you get out. Sometimes we can visit you in prison.

The Sacro worker will help you set your own goals and access resources. These can include:

- Adult community drug and alcohol services
- Young persons' drug and alcohol services
- Needle exchanges
- Substitute prescribing
- Prison addiction services
- Housing advice and information
- Welfare benefits advice and advocacy
- Training & education
- Counselling
- Blood-borne virus testing
- Hep B inoculation
- Family planning
- Ante-natal & post-natal support

> Confidentiality

Any information you share with the Sacro Arrest Referral worker will remain confidential and will not be disclosed to the police or any third party without your written consent. The exception is that if you inform us of a serious criminal offence which has been or may be committed, or if there is a risk of harm to yourself or others, we have a duty to pass this information on.

The Edinburgh and Midlothian Arrest Referral Service is a partnership between Sacro, The City of Edinburgh Council, Edinburgh Alcohol & Drug Action Team, Midlothian Council, Midlothian Drug and Alcohol Action Team and the Scottish Government.

The service is based at:

Community Links Centre
Epworth Halls
25 Nicolson Square
Edinburgh EH8 9BX

(Off Nicolson Street near Surgeons' Hall).

Telephone: 0131 622 7500

Opening hours:

Monday to Thursday: 9am – 5pm
Friday: 9am- 4pm

The premises are wheelchair accessible.

