

Community Links Centre Edinburgh

> How do I get in touch?

If you have an addiction problem, the Phoenix House workers in the prison will arrange for you to see a Sacro worker. Staff in the prison LINKS Centre can also put you in touch as can any other person that has been helping you in prison.

Or you can phone or write to the Community Links Centre yourself.

> Telephone: 0131 622 7500

> Other Sacro services in Edinburgh include:

- Arrest Referral
- Bail
- Alcohol Programmes
- Hostel for Young Offenders
- Intensive Support and Monitoring
- Supported Accommodation
- Volunteer Support
- Restorative Justice

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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:

Sacro Community Links Centre

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About the Sacro Community Links Centre in Edinburgh

> What is it?

The Community Links Centre is paid for by the City of Edinburgh Council and operated by Sacro. It is a service for prisoners and ex-prisoners to help them with problems that they face on release.

Special attention will be given to people with alcohol and drug addiction problems because these problems very often lead to people returning to prison.

The Centre staff work closely with prison staff, Phoenix House addiction service workers in prison and all the services in Edinburgh that can help prisoners and ex-prisoners.

> Who can use it?

Any prisoner who belongs to Edinburgh and who will not be on supervision by a social worker when released. You can also ask the Centre for help after release even if you did not make contact while in prison.

> Sharing Information

Any information that you share with Sacro staff will remain confidential and will not be shared with others unless you agree that would be helpful. The only exceptions to this rule are: when not sharing the information would put the health and safety of you or others at serious risk or it would be illegal not to share it.

> How does the Community Links Centre work?

It is a service for prisoners and ex-prisoners who are not on supervision after release but want help to deal with problems that might lead to further offending.

Prison staff and other people providing services in the prison tell Sacro workers which prisoners might want to use the service. Prisoners and ex-prisoners can also get in touch direct themselves.

A Sacro Community Links Centre worker will get to know the prisoner before release and help to make plans for the outside. The same worker will help you deal with problems after release e.g. drugs, alcohol, housing, benefits, jobs.

> How can the Community Links Centre help?

A Sacro worker will get to know you before you get out and help you plan and prepare for the outside and then support you after release.

Together you and the Sacro worker will build on whatever help you have received in prison. The Sacro worker will help you get the services you need and help you to stick to the plans you have made.

You will get at least three visits before your release, so by the time you get out of prison, you will have a plan that the Sacro worker can help you achieve in the days and weeks that follow.

We can meet you at the prison on the day of your release if necessary and will work with you at least once per week for the first six weeks, either in the Centre or somewhere in the part of the city in which you live.

The Centre can work with other agencies in Edinburgh to help you get:

- help with drug and alcohol problems
- over difficulties in carrying on with treatment
- suitable accommodation
- benefits
- training or work
- help to stop offending behaviour e.g. violence
- help with family issues

Sacro workers will either help you to get the help you need from another agency or provide the help themselves.