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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 واذكر الإشارة رقم EDI/389

এই পুস্তিকার অনুবাদ যদি আপনি পেতে চান তাহলে 0131 624 7270 নম্বরে ফোন করে অথবা ই-মেইল করে রেফারেন্স নম্বর EDI/389 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 podając numer referencyjny EDI/389.

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

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Edinburgh & Midlothian Arrest Referral Service



> **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, we can refer you 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 offices. 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.

> **About Sacro**

Sacro's mission is to reduce conflict and offending and to make communities safer.

Sacro provides a range of Criminal Justice, Community Mediation and Restorative Justice services to reduce conflict and offending. These include services to enhance community safety and to address the harm caused by crime, drawing on restorative principles.

Sacro services are based on research evidence, user feedback, international standards of good practice and a commitment to development and innovation.

Sacro works with a broad range of people, including those harmed by crime and those responsible for that harm. Where appropriate, it works in partnership with local authorities and other service delivery agencies who share its values.

To find out more about Sacro and the valuable services it provides, please visit our website at:

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