



# YOUTH ALCOHOL & DRUG DIVERSION SCHEME

## WHY YOU HAVE BEEN OFFERED A YOUTH ALCOHOL AND DRUG DIVERSION

You have been found by Avon and Somerset Police with illegal drugs or drunk in a public place, this means you have committed a crime. However, Avon and Somerset Police and the Youth Offending Service want to give you an opportunity to avoid getting a criminal record and to learn more about the risks and consequences of drinking alcohol and/or taking illegal drugs.

You have been offered a referral to the Youth Alcohol and Drug Diversion Scheme in your local area. If you take part in the scheme as instructed then Avon and Somerset Police will take no further action against you for these offences and you will avoid a criminal record.



## WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?

The police officer dealing with you will pass on your details to the Youth Offending Service who will check you are eligible for the scheme. If you have attended the Youth Alcohol and Drug Diversion Scheme before, you will not be able to attend it again and a different sanction will be explored with you.

If you are eligible, you will be contacted by your local Youth Offending Service who will arrange a 1-2-1 appointment with you and a Youth Drugs Worker on a day and time that is convenient for you. You can attend on your own or with a parent/guardian/carer if you wish, or if you are under 13 years old.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

You must turn up to the appointment with the Youth Drugs Worker and participate in the activities and work as instructed as part of your appointment.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DON'T ATTEND THE YOUTH ALCOHOL AND DRUG DIVERSION SCHEME?

If you do not attend or work positively with the Youth Drugs Worker then the police officer dealing with your case will be notified. Your case will be referred to the Youth Justice Panel in your area who will decide what other criminal justice sanction you should receive for the crime you have committed.

## WHAT IF I NEED FURTHER SUPPORT FOR MY ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE?

The Youth Drug Worker will support you and refer you on to further help for your alcohol and/or drug use if you both agree this would be helpful.



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