

Derbyshire - Alcohol Diversion Scheme

The Alcohol Diversion Scheme was introduced County wide on 18th January 2010.

The scheme is aimed at offenders who have been given a fixed penalty notice for disorder (PND) for the following offences.

- Drunk and Disorderly (S.91 Criminal Justice Act 1967)
- S5 Public Order Act where drinking is involved (S5 Public Order Act 1986)

As an alternative to paying the £80 PND fine the offender is offered the option of attending a three hour course in an interactive and relaxed environment.

The course provides understanding around:

- The longer term effects of drinking
- The potential risks to you and others in alcohol fuelled situations
- Alcohol units
- How to identify risk situations

The course makes clear to the offenders the potential consequences of re-offending.

Druglink are the course provider. Druglink are a charity working with the Police and Community Safety Partnerships to help reduce the level of alcohol fuelled crime and minimise the risk to individuals and the wider community.

The £40 course fee is paid directly to Druglink, this is used to fund ongoing course delivery. There are no fees paid to Druglink by the Police or Partnerships other than an initial one off course setup cost.

The scheme originated in Hertfordshire and similar schemes are in place elsewhere. The scheme is being promoted by the Home Office as best practice.