

### What do you have to do?

- See a Diversion officer
- Attend court every 2 weeks
- Attend an agency to see a drug and alcohol counsellor once a week
- Attend urinalysis 3 times a week.
- Sign a consent form so information can be shared between the CATS officer, Diversion officer, the drug and alcohol agency and the Magistrate.

### Other contacts:

#### Alcohol and Drug Support Line

Phone: (08) 9442 5000

Country callers only: 1800 198 024

[alcoholdrugsupport@mhc.wa.gov.au](mailto:alcoholdrugsupport@mhc.wa.gov.au)

[alcoholdrugsupport.mhc.wa.gov.au](http://alcoholdrugsupport.mhc.wa.gov.au)

#### Parent and Family Drug Support Line

Phone: (08) 9442 5050

Country callers only: 1800 653 203

# STIR

## METROPOLITAN

Supervised Treatment Intervention Regime

A free program to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have substance use problems and are attending court.

### Appointment information

AGENCY/COUNSELLOR .....

DATE/TIME .....

ADDRESS .....

PHONE .....

NEXT COURT APPEARANCE .....



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### What is STIR?

The Supervised Treatment Intervention Regime (STIR) is a court diversion program. This program aims to help people with their substance use problems by directing them into treatment before sentencing.

The program runs for up to 6 months with support from a Court Assessment and Treatment Services (CATS) Officer.

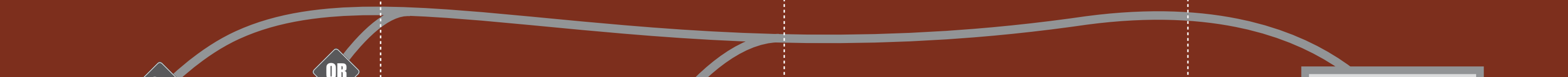
Referral to STIR is at the Magistrate's discretion.

The Magistrate may take your participation in STIR into account when sentencing.

### Who is it for?

Any person pleading guilty to an offence and who

- Has problems related to substance use and is prepared to do something about it
- Has no serious offences, or offences appearing in the Supreme Court
- Is on bail, or is eligible for bail.



First Court appearance



If you are attending court and have substance use problems someone may suggest that you be referred onto the STIR program.

This could be the Magistrate, Diversion officer, Lawyer/Legal representative (ALS or Duty Lawyer) or someone else.

The Magistrate may then choose to stand you down to see the Diversion officer.

The Diversion officer will do an assessment to see if the program is suitable for you.

Assessment



OR

Appearance in Drug Court



If the Diversion officer and Magistrate agree, you will be referred to the Drug Court.  
 If the Drug Court Magistrate agrees, you may be remanded and placed on the STIR program.  
 If the program is not suitable for you, you will be sentenced by the Drug Court Magistrate.

OR

Urinalysis



Treatment



Case management



Reviews by magistrate



While on the program, you will be case managed by a CATS officer. As part of the program you will need to:

- appear in court regularly
- attend an agency to see a drug and alcohol counsellor
- provide urine samples on a regular basis

The program can take up to 6 months. Once you have completed the program, feedback will be given to the Diversion officer to present to the Drug Court Magistrate.



Sentencing without STIR

If you don't participate in the program the Drug Court Magistrate will sentence you on your first day in the Drug Court.



Sentencing with STIR

The Drug Court Magistrate may take your participation in STIR into account when sentencing you.

