WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US

WE WILL...

- clearly explain the conditions of the Order
- assist as much as we can with overcoming any barriers to compliance
- treat you with respect at all times
- ask you for feedback on our service and fully consider your comments
- respond promptly to any complaints
- ensure our staff teams are informed, well trained and professional in their approaches.

COMMUNITY PAYBACK ORDERS

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WHAT IS A COMMUNITY PAYBACK ORDER?

The Community Payback Order was introduced as the main community based sentence to Scottish Courts by the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010. It can be imposed for offences committed after 1 February 2011. It will ultimately replace Probation Orders, Community Service Orders and Supervised Attendance Orders.

A Community Payback Order (CPO) may consist of a number of requirements. The Court can select one or more when deciding on the make up of the Order. They can be tailored specifically to each offender based on the nature of the offending and the underlying issues which may be fuelling it.

The possible requirements are:

- Unpaid Work or Other Activity requirement
- Supervision requirement
- Compensation requirement
- Programme requirement

- Mental Health Treatment requirement
- Drug Treatment requirement
- Alcohol Treatment requirement
- Residence requirement
- Conduct requirement

Orders can be imposed to run for between six months and three years. An unpaid work or other activity requirement can range from 30 – 300 hours.

The Court can decide to discharge an Order early in circumstances where an offender has made highly positive progress.

WHAT WILL BE EXPECTED OF ME?

Your identified 'case manager' will make contact with you following sentence being imposed. They will discuss the level and frequency of contact required in accordance with risks and needs identified. Where appropriate, a Case Management Plan will be developed and this will be reviewed at regular intervals.

You must attend all appointments as requested by you case manager. This will include home visits. You must notify your case manager in advance should you be unable to attend an appointment and you should be aware that evidence may be required to verify circumstances which prevent you attending.

You must update your case manager promptly of any change in address or employment status.

You are expected to treat all service staff and other service users with respect.

FAILURE TO COMPLY

If you are considered to be in breach of the Order, this will be reported to the Court. If the Court agrees a breach has been established it can vary the Order by changing the conditions or revoke the Order and impose an alternative sentence. In most circumstances this includes the option of a custodial sentence so the consequences of breach are significant.