

# Hampshire Brief Intervention Alcohol Service

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## Voluntary Referrals from Custody Centres

- Voluntary referrals can be made for any person aged 18+ whose 'binge drinking' is causing them problems (e.g. they have been arrested for an alcohol related offence)
- The service is not able to offer support to dependent drinkers
- A worker attends the Custody Centres every morning, except Sunday, to assess suitable clients
- If no worker is present, referrals should be faxed to the Team Office
- Once the referral is received, the team make contact with the client and offer them support
- The client can expect to receive at least 3 sessions with the possibility of a further 3 sessions if necessary

## Alcohol Conditional Cautioning

- A conditional caution is an alternative to charge. It is more suitable for low- level alcohol related offences such as;
- D&D, Section 4& 5 Public Order offences, Assault, Criminal Damage and Theft whilst under the influence of alcohol
- Aimed at cases where the public interest would be met more effectively by the offender carrying out specific conditions (which can include a requirement to attend an alcohol rehabilitative programme) rather than being prosecuted
- Not suitable for highly problematic alcohol user or more serious offender
- The Conditional Cautioning Referral forms (Appendix A &B) should be completed and faxed to the Team Office
- The client will be expected to attend 2 mandatory with the option of final voluntary session over an 8 week period of time

## Post – Charge Referrals

- An option for adults who have been charged with an alcohol related offence which is being referred to court
- May contribute towards mitigation as the client is showing motivation in addressing their alcohol use, prior to court
- The client is offered 2 sessions within a 7 day period prior to their court date
- A certificate is issued to those who successfully complete both sessions
- Certificate is recognised by magistrates
- Referral forms should be faxed to the Team Office