

Diversion Overview



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Diversion Policy and Support Officer

COAG Illicit Drug Diversion Initiative

Aims

1. Reduce drug use through treatment
2. Reduce offending – drug related crime
3. Divert offenders out of the Justice System

Funding

- COAG (Council of Australian Governments)

Location

- Throughout WA with other versions in different states
- 33 Diversion workers in WA
- 4 IDP workers

Focus

- From early Intervention of Illicit Drugs to intensive supervised programs

POLICE DIVERSION

COURT DIVERSION

CES
Cannabis
Education
Session

ADD
All Drug
Diversion

POP Pre-sentence Opportunity Program	IDP Indigenous Diversion Program
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STIR
Supervised
Treatment
Intervention
Regime

YPOP
Young
Persons
Opportunity
Program

**Perth Drug
Court &
Children's
Drug Court**

POLICE DIVERSION

Cannabis Infringement Notice issued when:

- **Under 30g:** Cannabis plant material (not resin, oil etc.) is found
- **A smoking implement is found**
- **2 cannabis plants or under** (Not Hydro)
- **Offender is an adult** (Not under 18yrs)

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All Drug Diversion Issued When:

- A Drug that is **not in tablet form**, and is one quarter of the prescribed amount (according to the *Misuse of Drugs Act*) is found
- **Up to 2 Tablets**
- **An ambiguous drug** is found and is a simple offence, i.e. own use only
- **ADD has never been issued**
- **Offender is an adult** (Not under 18yrs)

ADD

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POP

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Duration

- Remanded for approx 8 weeks

Requirements

- Attend counseling regularly at least 3 sessions

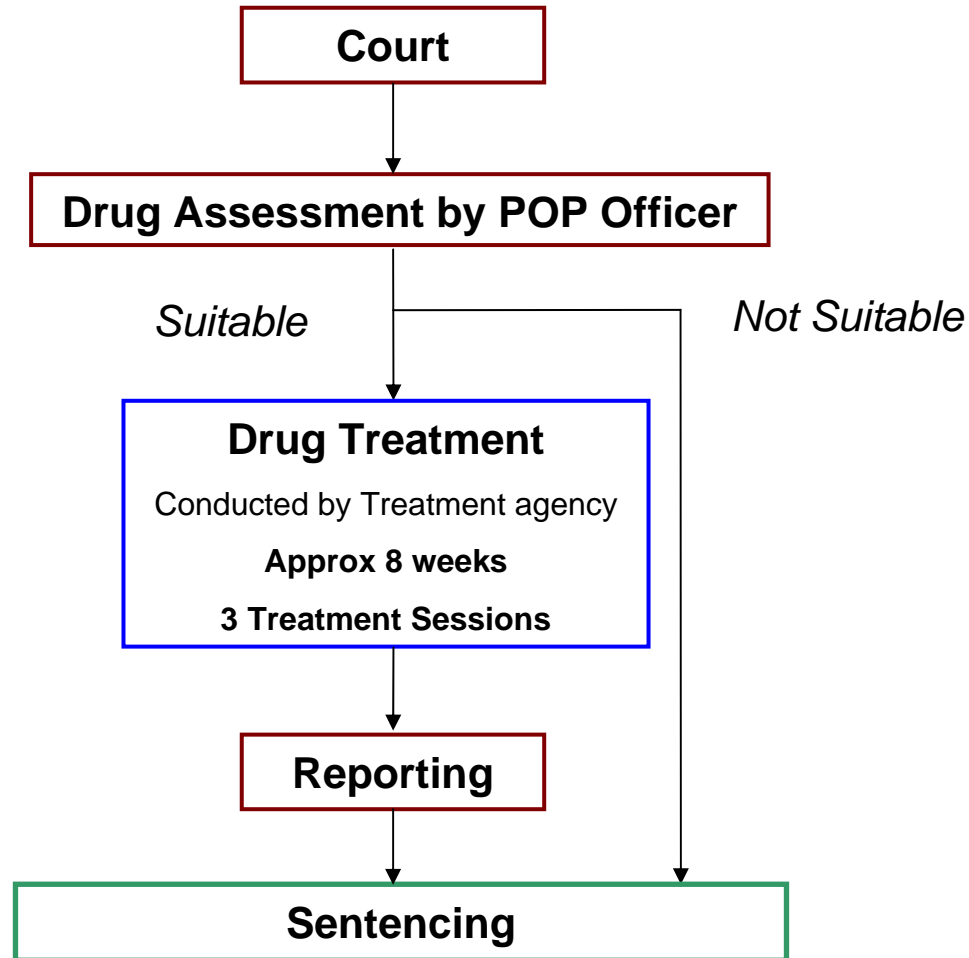
Target group:

1. Illicit drug use
2. First time offenders
3. Those who would normally expect to receive a fine or a CBO (Community Based Order)
4. Those who don't have extensive criminal history and have not committed serious offences
 - Those charged with **sexual offences, drug trafficking**, offences with **high level violence** or those facing mandatory **prison sentence** are ineligible for POP.

Process

POP

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COURT DIVERSION

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Case Managed By a CCO (Community Corrections Officer)

Duration

- Remanded for approx 3 months

Requirements

- Attend counseling regularly
- Attend court regularly
- Urinalysis

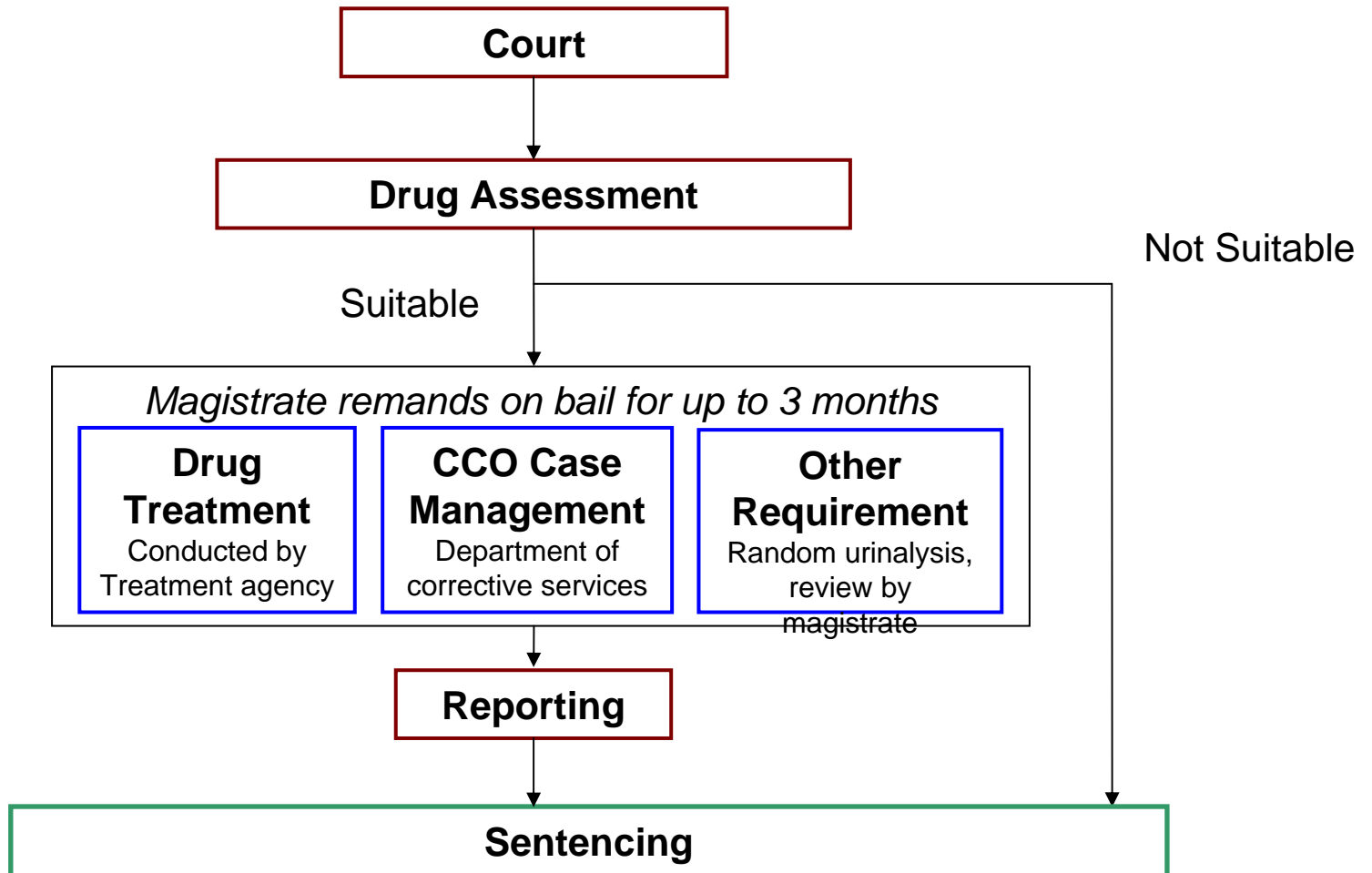
Target group:

1. Offenders with Illicit drug use problem
2. Moderate level offenders
3. Those who would normally receive a Community Based Order or an Intensive Supervision Order
 - *Those charged with **sexual offences, drug trafficking**, offences with **high level violence** or those facing mandatory **prison sentence** are ineligible for STIR*

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Aboriginal Participation



- Aboriginal participation -12%, with an 80% completion rate.
- **Actions Taken:**
- Survey to identify barriers
- Focus Groups
- Aboriginal Specific Resources
- Aboriginal workers
- Radio Advertising

Diversion at WANADA



Diversion Projects include:

1. Regional Network Grants
2. Diversion Forums & Events
3. Diversion Policy & Support Officer