## Choose the right way out of crime...

You have been selected as a 'COMPASS' offender by a multi-agency panel to reduce re-offending in St.Helens.

If you take up the chance that COMPASS offers, you can find ways out of crime and doing time and make yourself a better citizen.

COMPASS offers you a full assessment of your needs, which are directly linked to your risk of re-offending.

The assessment will lead to a plan, which will deliver a range of treatments and interventions designed to stop your re-offending.

In return you will be expected to:-

- Co-operate with your designated Plan/Offender Manager;
- · Keep all appointments as directed;
- Engage fully with all treatments and interventions; and
- Stop re-offending.

You will be on this programme for a limited amount of time and your progress will be monitored.

- If you fail to co-operate, you will be referred to the Police for enforcement and targeting.
- This will also apply if you refuse this offer.

You are urged to take this offer up to enable you to become a better and lawabiding citizen of St.Helens.

#### **Assessing Your Needs**

You are offered a comprehensive and speedy assessment of your needs. These are the needs that are directly linked to your risk of re-offending. This assessment will lead to a multi-agency Reducing Re-offending Action Plan.

#### **Your Action Plan**

The plan is intended to deliver a full package of treatments and interventions designed to break your cycle of re-offending and give you an opportunity to become a law-abiding member of the community.

COMPASS Partner Agencies can support you with the following as part of your action plan:

- Accommodation
- Education, Training and Employment
- Health
- Drugs and Alcohol
- · Finance, Benefit and Debt
- Children and Families
- Attitudes, Thinking and Behaviour

#### **Consent Form**

Please sign as required below to accept and commit to the **COMPASS** offer. The offer made to you will also be signed by the representative of the **COMPASS** referring agency.

If you refuse the **COMPASS** offer, you will be referred to the Police for law enforcement by all legal means. If you are under 18 years old, your acceptance must be countersigned by your parent/carer.

COMPASS Offer made by:
Name:
Organisation:
Signature:
Date:
COMPASS Offer accepted by:
Name:
Address:
Postcode:
Signature:
Date:

If you are countersigning the acceptance of someone under the age of 18 years, please sign below.

Name of Parent/Carer: (circle as appropriate)

Address:

Postcode:

Signature:

#### **Data Protection**

Date:

The information provided on this form will be processed in accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998. It will be treated as confidential and will only be used for the purpose of administering your acceptance onto the **COMPASS** programme and to assist us in delivering the services appropriate to your needs.

Information provided on this form may be shared with other departments of St.Helens Council and with other relevant organisations solely for this purpose, including Merseyside Police, Merseyside Probation Trust, Youth Offending Service, Criminal Justice Intervention Team, and the Drug and Alcohol Action Team.

### **FAQ**

#### Who manages COMPASS?

If you are on a Community Order or a Custody Licence, your Offender Manager will be from Probation.

If you are not on any order or licence, vou will have a Plan Manager from one of the **COMPASS** Partners.

#### Who are the COMPASS Partners?

Merseyside Police, Merseyside Probation Trust, St. Helens Council, Youth Offending Service, Criminal Justice Intervention Team, and the Drug and Alcohol Action Team.

#### **How does COMPASS work?**

The **COMPASS** Partners assess what you need to stop your criminal activity. They work with you to meet these needs. They share your information with other **COMPASS** Partners and review your progress together.

#### How long am I on **COMPASS?**

That is dependent on your assessment needs and co-operation to find your way out of re-offending.

#### **How to contact COMPASS?**

The phone number is 0151 777 6034

#### Will Merseyside Police still deal with me?

That will be dependent on your cooperation and engagement with **COMPASS** Partners. Your progress will be discussed by **COMPASS** Partners, which includes the Police, and any evidence of a return to offending will be robustly dealt with.





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This leaflet explains how COMPASS can help you find ways out of crime and doing time.









