

prevention group. This is six more modules that last for four weeks each and includes:

- lapse and relapse;
- lifestyle;
- reducing stress;
- moods, urges and cravings; and
- rational thinking.

If the offender's progress is not satisfactory in either group they may have to repeat the work.

We can change our programme to meet the needs of sex offenders who may have already done a programme that was designed to challenge their behaviour in the community or in prison.

We have an individual and groupwork programme that is designed to meet the needs of sex offenders with learning disabilities.

## **What happens if an offender breaks the conditions of their order?**

There are very strict conditions for any statutory order. If an offender does not follow any of the conditions of his probation order, the supervising social worker can send him back to court. If this happens, the court can give the offender another sentence. If they break the conditions of their parole orders or supervised release orders, they may have to go back to prison.

## **Useful addresses**

### **The Tay Project**

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### **Criminal Justice Services**

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### **Perth and Kinross Council**

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Perth PH 1 1PP  
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### **Angus Council**

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## **THE TAY PROJECT**

Intervention programme for adults who have been convicted of sexual offences.

**INFORMATION FOR SENTENCERS**

## ABOUT THE TAY PROJECT

We offer convicted sex offenders a programme of intervention to deal with their offending behaviour. It is instead of going to prison.

Sex offenders are people who have been convicted of any sexual offences against children or adults.

We work with sex offenders who live in the local authority areas of Dundee, Perth and Kinross, and Angus.

## Who can take part in the Tay Project?

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Our policy is to work with convicted adult sex offenders who are currently under statutory orders such as probation, parole or supervised release orders.

In most cases, convicted sex offenders must give their permission to work with us.

If a client is not suitable for the Tay Project Programme, we will clearly say why in the social enquiry report.

If an offender is sent to prison, the court may want to consider making a condition for parole or a supervised attendance order that the offender is assessed for the programme again, before they are released.

## Referral system

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We are involved in the first assessment of all convicted sex offenders before they are sentenced. We work with a social worker while they prepare a social enquiry report for the court. We also assess sex offenders in prisons for the parole board.

If an offender has a learning disability, they must have a separate assessment from a psychologist.

After the first assessment, we will recommend if the offender is suitable for the programme or not. We will include this assessment and an assessment of risk with the report that the social worker gives to the court or parole board.

All recommendations for probation will have specific conditions to limit the offender's access to children and to encourage them to attend the programme.

The usual period of probation that is needed for this work is three years. This reflects the amount of time that the offenders need to change their behaviour and attitude.

## The Tay Project programme

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If we have assessed that the client is suitable for the project, they must attend within the terms of their probation order or parole licence.

In most cases, we see offenders individually every week for some months before we move them onto their first groupwork programme. This programme is called 'Tackling Offending Behaviour', and is made up of six modules that last for four weeks each.

- Disclosure work.
- Thinking errors.
- Cycle of offending.
- Power and control.
- Victim awareness.
- An introduction to relapse prevention.

When the offenders have finished this first programme, they will return to individual work before being assessed for the advanced relapse