

DIVERSION FROM PROSECUTION IN MORAY

Diversion from prosecution is when you are referred to support services instead of going to court, to help address the reasons behind your behaviour and prevent further offending.

ABOUT DIVERSION

- You may be offered diversion instead of going to court.
- You will attend regular appointments with a worker to address the reasons behind your behaviour.
- Support can help with alcohol, drugs, mental health, or life issues.
- Taking part is voluntary, but you are expected to attend and engage.
- If you complete it, you will not be prosecuted for the offence.
- If you do not engage, your case may be sent back to the Procurator Fiscal.
- It is a chance to move forward without a conviction.
- The focus is on support and positive change, not punishment.

WHO CAN BE ELIGIBLE

- Usually for people accused of lower-level offences.
- The Procurator Fiscal decides if it is suitable.
- Often used where there are underlying issues.
- You need to be willing to engage with support.

HOW DIVERSION HELPS

- Diversion focuses on early support to address the causes of offending and prevent it happening again - [Community Justice Scotland](#)
- It helps people avoid a criminal conviction, reducing the long-term impact on housing, jobs, and opportunities - [COPFS](#)



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