

## STRUCTURED DEFERRED SENTENCE IN MORAY

A Structured Deferred Sentence is when the court delays sentencing to give you time to work with support services and show positive change before a final decision is made



- The court puts your sentence on hold for a set period.
- You will work with support services during this time.
- This may include help with things like alcohol, drugs etc.
- You will have agreed goals to work towards.
- Your progress is reviewed regularly by the court.
- Positive engagement can influence the final outcome.
- If you do not engage, this may affect your sentence.

### WHO CAN TAKE PART

- People appearing in court where support could help reduce offending.
- You need to be willing to engage with support.
- The court decides if SDS is suitable for you.

## HOW SDS HELPS

- Early support and intervention can help address the causes of offending and prevent it happening again - [Community Justice Scotland](#)
- Avoiding unnecessary progression through the justice system can improve long-term outcomes - [Community Justice Scotland](#)



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