

What is the DIP?

The DIP programme is a government initiative set up to try and break the cycle of drug misuse and crime. People who misuse Class A drugs often commit crimes in order to fund their habit. As a result, they can get caught in a cycle of drug misuse, crime and prison. The DIP programme aims to break this cycle by making every stage in the criminal justice system and beyond an opportunity for offenders to receive treatment for their drug misuse.

The Bedfordshire DIP programme provides tailored solutions for drug misusing adults (18+), who live in the Bedfordshire county. This can be accessed from the point of arrest, in court, at sentencing and in prison as well as post-prison and post-treatment. The programme will strive to help and support you in every aspect relating to your drug problem. This can be with issues regarding prescribing, housing, benefits, employment, counselling and any other support needs that you may have. We will help you to get your life back on track.

BEDFORDSHIRE
DRUG INTERVENTIONS PROGRAMME
DIP

24 HOUR CONTACT NUMBER 01234 271162

Contact Bedfordshire DIP

If you would like any further information regarding Bedfordshire DIP or RoB, either for yourself or for someone you know who has a drugs problem, please contact us on;

Tel: **01234 271162**

More Help

FRANK National 24-hour drugs helpline

for free and confidential help and advice. Tel: 0800 77 66 00

Addaction

Advice and information for drug users, plus needle exchange, drop in services, and referral into more intensive support.

Addaction Bedford, 105-107 Tavistock Street, Bedford, MK40 2RR
Tel: 01234 352220

Addaction Dunstable, 2c Albion Street, Dunstable, LU5 15A
Tel: 01582 501780

Shared Care

Specialist prescribing service for adult drug treatment. Assessment drop in days are on Monday and Wednesday 1pm for 1.30pm, Thursday 10.30am for 11am. This operates on a first come first served basis.

105-107 Tavistock Street, Bedford, MK40 2RR
Tel: 01234 332370

HEARTLANDS VALE

Specialist substance misuse service in Bedfordshire aimed at those with mental health problems and drug/alcohol issues who are needing a higher degree of support. Please contact us at:

15-17 Cardiff Road
Luton
LU1 1PP
Tel: 01582 528881

CAN

The specialist CAN team offer free advice, information, and support in a confidential, non-judgmental setting. We offer a range of services for people in Bedfordshire using drugs including 1-2-1 support, group work, complementary therapies and outreach services.

CAN
44 Bromham Road
Bedford
MK40 2QD
Tel: 01234 354193

SPACED

A service that provides support and information for anyone who is worried or concerned about another person's drug or alcohol misuse.

105-107 Tavistock Street, Bedford, MK40 2RR
Tel: 07950301426
Or 01234 354193

CARE CO-ORDINATION

A social services support service including assessment, planning a care package, help accessing treatment and support with a range of 'life issues'

105-107 Tavistock Street, Bedford, Mk40 2RR
Tel: 01234 332270

HEALTHLINK

Specialist substance misuse service in Bedford aimed at those with mental health problems and drug/alcohol issues who are needing a higher degree of support. Please contact us at:

Healthlink
26-28 Bromham Road
Bedford
MK40 2QD
Tel: 01234 270123

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How can I sign up?

Accessing help is easy. There are a number of ways in which you can do this:

- DIP 24 Hour Contact number:
01234 271162

For help and advice about drug treatment or to make an appointment to see a DIP worker you can call our 24-hour helpline on 01234 271162

- DIP Drop in Days:

Come in and speak with a DIP worker. No appointment necessary.

On Monday between 14:00 and 16:00
On Wednesday between 1700 and 19:00

ADDACTION Bedford
105-107 Tavistock Street
Bedford
MK40 2RR

or

Every Thursday from 10am until 4pm

ADDACTION Dunstable
2c Albion Street
Dunstable
LU5 15A

- Via the court custody workers:

When arrested, and held in custody, the Police will offer you an opportunity to speak to a DIP court custody worker about your substance misuse problems. With your agreement the court custody worker will assess your needs and sign you up to the DIP programme. From here you will be given an appointment with an allocated DIP case worker who will help and support you throughout the drug treatment process.

- CARATS:

If you have been sent to prison you can sign up to the DIP programme via the prison CARATs team who offer help and support with drug misuse whilst you are in prison. The CARATs team will assess your needs and arrange for a DIP worker to be assigned to you. Your allocated DIP worker will then contact you in prison and support you upon your release.

- Your probation worker and other service providers can also refer you into the Bedfordshire DIP team.

Restrictions on Bail (RoB)

Restrictions on Bail (RoB) can be applied to any adult defendant attending court where the Magistrates suspect that the offence was caused, or contributed to, by drug misuse. Typically RoB is considered for those people (aged 18+) who are arrested for a trigger offence (property crime, robbery or Class A drug offences) and who test positive for heroin, cocaine or crack upon charge in Police custody.

When attending court the Magistrates may include a RoB order in your bail conditions. You will be expected to attend an assessment with the DIP RoB worker and you will be given an appointment for this before you leave the court.

At your RoB assessment you will be asked questions about your drug use and a care plan will be discussed and agreed. Onward referrals to supporting treatment agencies may be made as a result of this assessment. Co-operating with the RoB assessment, and attending all follow-up RoB appointments, will form part of your bail conditions.

A RoB order will last as long as your bail and you will be expected to attend all agreed appointments until your next court date. If you fail to co-operate with the RoB order, or fail to attend appointments, you will be placed in breach of bail and may be remanded in custody as a consequence.

Once your case has been dealt with at court, and you are no longer on bail, your RoB order will cease. However you may continue to engage with DIP services on a voluntary basis.

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