

Ballot Paper 2 (B) Health Diversion

For the statement below, please place an **X** in the box that represents your preferred answer, or leave blank if you do not wish to answer.

2(B).1 Introduce Health Diversion legislation on the basis already planned by Government

The Government should introduce the planned Health Diversion legislation as an urgent legislative priority.	Agree	Do Not Agree	Don't Know
Providing the legislative and institutional basis for Health Diversion would allow Gardai to divert first-time offenders found in possession of illicit drugs for personal use to the HSE-run SAOR Programme. This means that someone found in possession of drugs for personal use will, for their first offence, not be charged, prosecuted, convicted or given a custodial sentence, if they voluntarily agree to attend a SAOR brief intervention, which can then offer onward referral to health services, if appropriate.			