

Report from Probation

I have been working with Tony Johnson /Wade for the past ten months.

Following convictions for possession of illegal drugs and theft, Tony received a Community Order with 12 months supervision.

Since then we have arranged monthly meetings, the purpose of which has been to try and address his substance misuse and offending behaviour. Unfortunately, Tony has missed six out of ten appointments but has provided medical certificates so no further action has been taken.

In the meetings we have had Tony has told me that he is an occasional user of amphetamines and cannabis. He does not regard his use as problematic and he denies that the thefts he has committed have been carried out in order to fund his drug use.

Tony has said that he only uses drugs when the children are at school or in bed. He does not think that they have a detrimental effect on his mood or a negative impact on his ability to parent.

From the limited number of contacts we have had, Tony has not appeared motivated to explore his use of drugs and whether this might need to change. My conclusion is that, at the moment, Tony is not motivated to change his pattern of drug use.