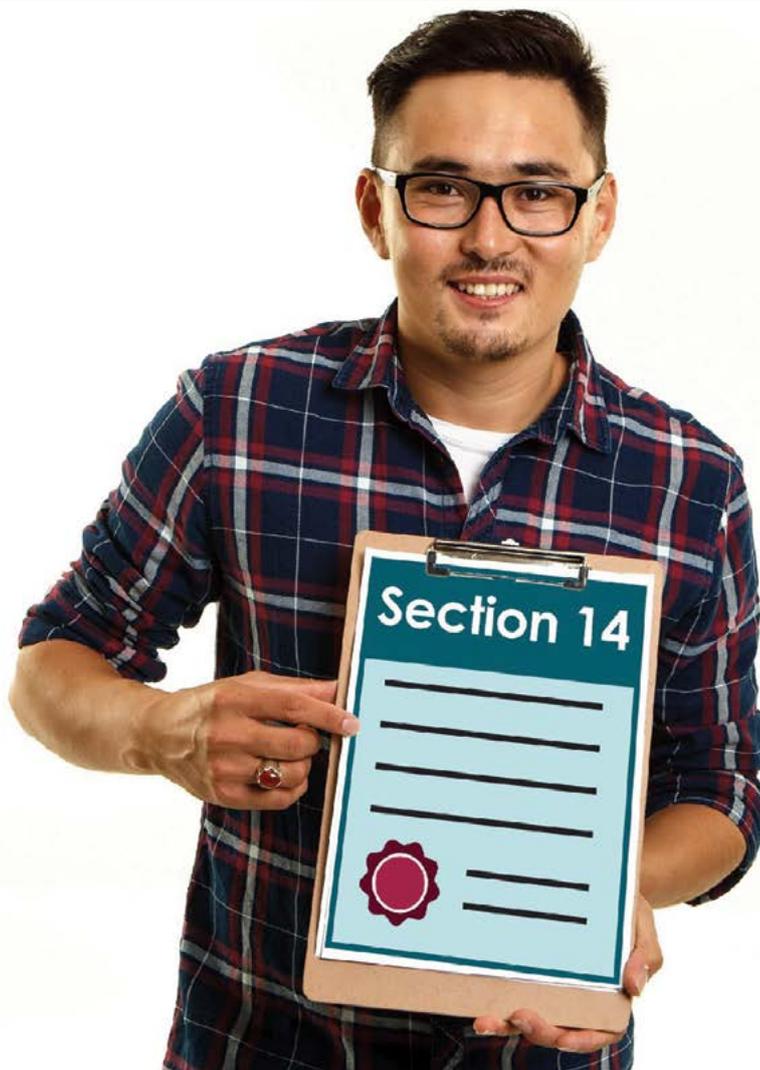


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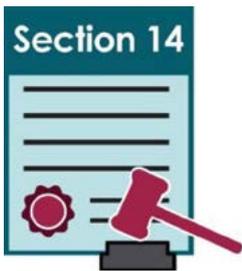


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What is a Section 14?



If the police charge you with a crime, you might go to court.



At court, the **magistrate** can make an order called a **Section 14**.



A magistrate is a type of judge.



A Section 14 means you won't have to:

- pay a fine
- go to jail.



But if you get a Section 14, you must agree to get some help.

You can say what help you want.



You will get a **support plan**.

A support plan is sometimes called a treatment plan.



Your support plan talks about:

- what support you need
- how you will get that support.



You must agree to follow what your support plan says.



If you follow your Section 14 for a year, you won't have to go back to court.



If you don't follow your Section 14, you might have to go back to court.

Who can get a Section 14?



A magistrate can give a Section 14 to people with a **cognitive disability**.



When someone has a cognitive disability, they can find it hard to:

- think
- communicate
- understand
- remember.



A magistrate can give a Section 14 to people who have problems with their **mental health**.



Your mental health is about how you:

- think
- feel
- manage your feelings.



The magistrate will want to know about your:

- cognitive disability
- mental health problems.



The magistrate will also want to know what services you use for support.

Contact us



You can contact your lawyer if you have any questions about your:

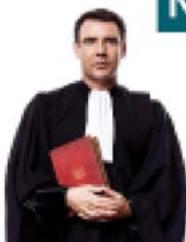
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