



65th Commission On Narcotic Drugs
Virtual Side Event
Monday, 14 March 2022
13.10 – 14.00 p.m. (CET)

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"POLICE AND DRUG TREATMENT TOGETHER: THE GLOBAL EMERGENCE OF DEFLECTION AS A HUMANITARIAN CRIME REDUCTION APPROACH TO DRUGS"

This CND Side Event will present a newly emerging global field of practice called "Deflection", which sits at the nexus of policing, drug treatment, recovery, and local community.

Deflection leverages the hundreds of millions of contacts that law enforcement have globally, as well as in your own community with people who use drugs but might otherwise 1) be arrested or 2) not be arrested, but without any action taken to address their drug use that caused contact with police in the first place. Deflection is an early, preventative, "upstream" approach that seeks to prevent possible future criminal conduct, death, or unrelenting drug use by treating addiction. In this way, deflection is an operational humanitarian approach to both crime reduction and recovery. Objectives of this event are:

- Increase awareness of the practice and purpose of Deflection as an emerging global movement
- Describe the roles of police, social actors, treatment, and community in creating Deflection sites
- Describe how deflection fits into a humanitarian approach to people who use drugs
- Demonstrate that Deflection is beneficial to reducing crime and keeping families and children together

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