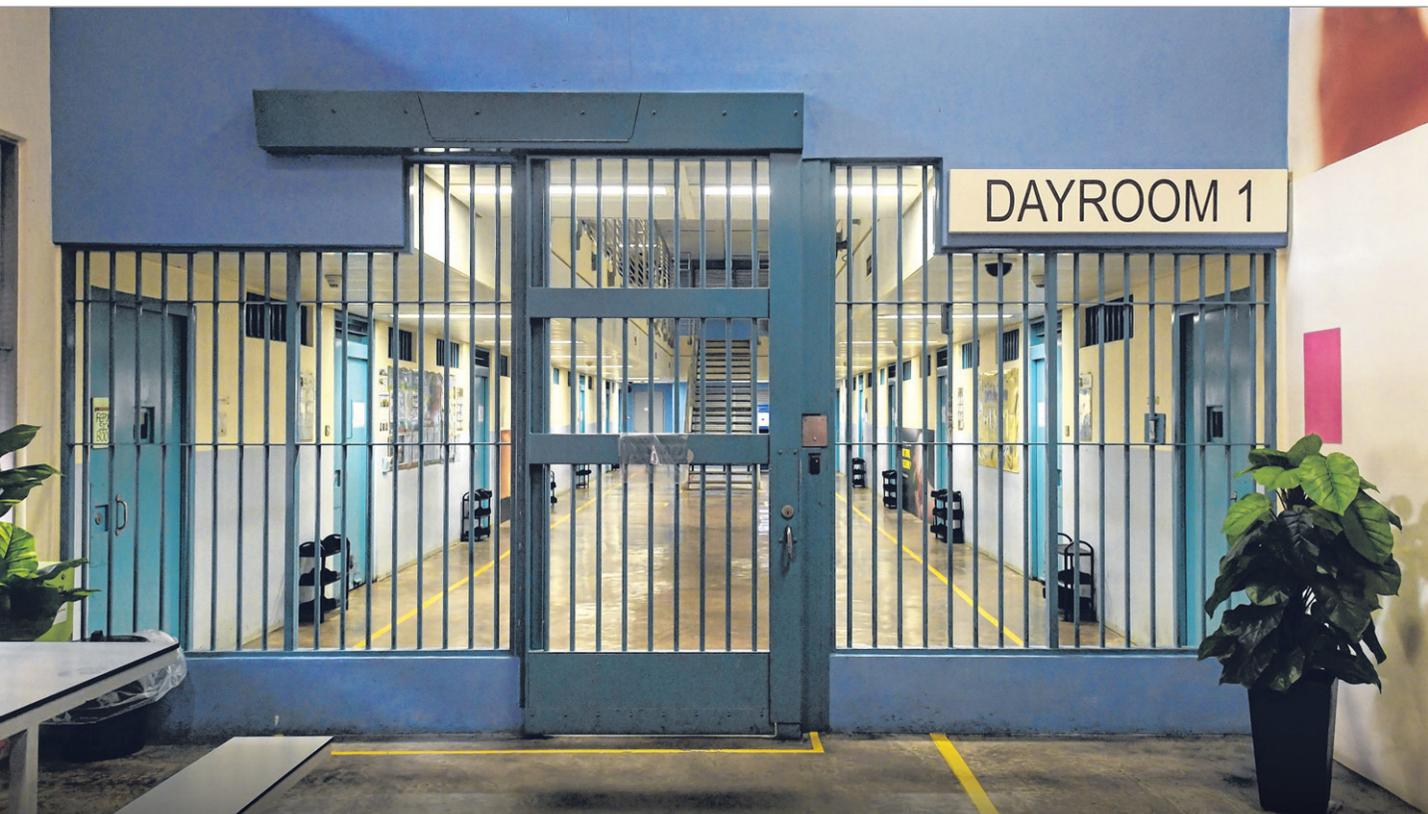


Sentences for drug abusers

A look at how abusers will be dealt with for their first and subsequent drug offences.



Admits to drug consumption

Drug Rehabilitation Centre (DRC) 1 year average

For first-time abusers deemed to be at moderate to high risk of re-offending*

DRC 1.5 years average

For second-time drug abusers

DRC 2 years average

For third-time abusers. These abusers were previously sentenced to Long-Term Imprisonment 1 or LT1 with minimum 5 years' jail term and three strokes of the cane

DRC 3 years average, up to 4 years

For abusers caught the fourth time or more. These abusers were previously sentenced to LT2 with minimum 7 years' jail and six strokes of the cane

After release, DRC inmates will be put on one of three community based programmes:

- 1) Halfway houses;
- 2) Day release from community supervision centre; and
- 3) Home supervision with electronic tagging

This will be followed by supervision order of up to 5 years

Denies consuming drugs or commits other criminal offences

Mandatory minimum sentence of 1 year For first-time abusers

Enhanced punishment of minimum 3 years' jail For those with one drug-related antecedent

Long-Term Imprisonment 1 For those with two drug-related antecedents

Long-Term Imprisonment 2 For those previously sentenced to LT1

LT detainees will be put on Mandatory Aftercare Scheme of up to 2 years, followed by supervision order of up to 5 years

DRC programmes:

- 1) **Psychology-based correctional programmes:** Target offenders' attitudes and beliefs which support drug abuse
- 2) **Family programmes:** Help offenders build strong relationships with their families
- 3) **Skills training:** To train them to gain employment
- 4) **Religious programmes and motivational talks:** To inspire offenders

NOTE: *Those who are deemed unlikely to re-offend again will undergo the enhanced direct supervision order instead of the DRC.