



Drug Court Policy 3

Policy formulation

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1 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is:

- To facilitate the formulation of policies by the Drug Court.

2 Definitions

Term	Definition
Act	means <i>Drug Court Act 1998</i>
Drug Court team	means a Drug Court Judge, the Registrar, the Legal Aid NSW (LA) solicitor, the solicitor from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP), the Police Prosecutor, the Community Corrections Court Coordinator, the Aboriginal Casework Coordinator and the Justice Health NSW clinician attached to the Drug Court, and/or the alternate delegates for each.
Registrar	means the Registrar of the Drug Court of NSW.
Senior Officers Interagency Group (SOIG)	means the Senior Judge of the Drug Court and selected senior representatives from Drug Court, Legal Aid NSW (LA), Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP), NSW Police Force, Community Corrections, Aboriginal Services Unit, Justice Health NSW and NSW Ministry of Health in accordance with the terms of reference.

3 Scope

This policy applies to all policy formulation for the Drug Court of New South Wales.

4 Policy statement

- 4.1 Drug Court policies ensure that the Drug Court team acts in an appropriate and consistent manner when considering matters beyond the traditional scope of the criminal justice process.
- 4.2 No policy will intrude on a judicial function.
- 4.3 Each policy will be reviewed regularly at a minimum bi-annually.
- 4.4 Policies will be determined by the Senior Judge in consultation with the Senior Officers Interagency Group (SOIG).
- 4.5 Recommendations to change policies can be discussed at each Drug Courts monthly Review and Management meetings. The presiding Judge

can escalate policy recommendations directly to the Senior Judge for consideration.

- 4.6 Policy recommendations can be included on the agenda for the Senior Officers Interagency Group (SOIG) meetings for consideration, discussion, and endorsement.
- 4.7 The public will have access to policies via the Drug Court website where publication is approved by the Senior Judge.
- 4.8 The Drug Court teams will be notified of any policy updates and the policies will be available on the Drug Court Intranet.

5 Document information

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6 Version and review details

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