

Drug and Alcohol Court

Queensland Drug and Alcohol Court COVID-19 Update

Referral Re-opening

This communique is to update key stakeholders in relation to the Queensland Drug and Alcohol Court's response to the impact of COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

In March 2020, referrals to QDAC were closed due to COVID-19 restrictions. Whilst referrals were temporarily closed, QDAC continued to operate in a modified capacity.

From 13 July 2020 QDAC will again be accepting referrals.

Please be advised there is a strict referral procedure in place to ensure a controlled referral strategy is maintained. Upon a referring Magistrate being satisfied that a defendant is eligible for referral to QDAC, listing arrangements will be made with BMC Listings.

No new referrals can be accepted by QDAC outside of this process.

The diary has provision for four referrals per week (mention in QDAC at 2pm on Wednesdays) – 2 defendants in custody and 2 defendants on bail.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Julie Webber, Director, Specialist Courts and Referral Services on 3738 7228 or via email at julie.webber@justice.qld.gov.au.