



**Do you or the person  
you support have an  
intellectual or cognitive  
disability or autism  
spectrum disorder?**

**Intellectual Disability  
Diversion Program Court  
(IDDP Court)**

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## **What is the IDDP Court?**

The IDDP Court seeks to reduce the number of individuals in the adult criminal justice system who may have one or more of the following diagnoses;

- Intellectual Disability (ID)
- Cognitive Disability (CD)
- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

It aims to work with individuals who reside in the community in order to:

- Reduce their future contact with the criminal justice system.
- Increase their access to positive behaviour support with a focus on skill building and goal setting;
- Identify undiagnosed disability or impairment as well as physical and/or mental health issues; and
- Achieve an outcome that takes account of their disability.

## **What are the eligibility criteria?**

If a person is charged with an offence, to be eligible to participate, the individual must:

- Have been diagnosed with an ID, CD or ASD by a suitably qualified person, or be likely to be so diagnosed if assessed by a suitably qualified person;
- Have been charged with offences that can be dealt with in the Magistrates Court, for which there is a prospect of being sentenced other than to an immediate term of imprisonment;
- Have entered, or be likely to enter a plea/s of guilty to at least a significant proportion of their charges;
- Be suitable for bail and be able to comply with certain conditions;
- Consent to participate in the IDDP Court program.

## **Being referred**

To refer an individual to the IDDP Court you will need to make an application to the Court that the person is appearing in. The Duty Lawyer can assist you with this.

If the application is granted the person will need to attend the IDDP Court on a Monday at 10.00am.

## **Assessment for suitability**

In the IDDP Court the person will have an opportunity to be assessed by Adult Community Corrections as to their suitability for the IDDP Court program.

Applicants may also need to be assessed by an expert such as a psychologist or neuropsychologist, which will be ordered by the IDDP Court. There is no cost to the applicant for this assessment.

## **Engagement with the Court**

If assessed as suitable, the participant will be accepted onto the IDDP Court program.

Adult Community Corrections will develop a plan together with the participant, their family and/or carer and, if applicable, Guardian, Department of Communities and service provider(s).

The participant will be required to attend IDDP Court as directed by the Magistrate to monitor their progress on the plan over a period of approximately 4-6 months.

Progress on the plan will be taken into account by the Magistrate when sentencing the participant.

**The court sits on Mondays at Perth Magistrates Court, 501 Hay Street, Perth.**