

THE NSW DRUG COURT

Read the handout on the Drug Court and answer the following questions

1. What is the main aim of this specialised court?
2. How will the Drug Court Program try to help a drug dependant offender? How long does the program last for?
3. Can all drug offenders use this court service? Who and how can these people access this service? Explain and discuss your answer.
4. What happens to the charged laid against a drug offender as they participate in this program, and if they eventually successfully complete it?
5. What happens to the offended if their Drug Court Program is breached?
6. Are appeals available for decisions made by the Drug Court? If so, which court will hear this appeal?
7. What type of legal representation is available to offenders who use the Drug Court?
8. Read the current newspaper article, *Applause for former drug users who turn their lives around*.

Using the information in this article and the previous information on the Drug Court, write about ½ page discussing the effectiveness of the NSW Drug Court. Use statistics where relevant in your answer.