



## Louth Drug Treatment Court?

The Louth Drug Treatment Court commenced in 2018 with over 100 clients so far referred from District Courts in Louth. The catchment area is for people appearing in District Court area No 6, residing in Co. Louth and areas of east Co. Meath and willing to engage with the programme and community based support services in Co. Louth.

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A designated Drug Court Liaison Worker, funded by the Department of Justice in 2021 on a pilot basis, supports each participant in addressing their drug use and recovery.

Participation will be of most benefit to those who have no prior criminal convictions. The District Court Judge identifies potential participants. The Probation Service & An Garda Síochána complete an assessment of suitability. The Probation Service, An Garda Síochána and Court Practitioners can also suggest possible referrals to the Court for consideration.