

Re-Application to the Dartmouth Wellness Court

An applicant will be prohibited from making a further application to the Dartmouth Wellness Court (the “Court”) on the same set of charges that were previously dealt with by the Court, except in special circumstances where additional significant and new information is available and presented through the applicant’s counsel.

The information must be provided in writing to the Dartmouth Wellness Court Duty Counsel and Crown Attorney for review in advance of any re-referral. A re-referral will not be docketed in the Court until the aforementioned counsels have agreed to the matter being sent. Once the approval is granted, the re-application will then be docketed and reviewed by the entire Court Team.

If Counsels involved in the Dartmouth Wellness Court do not approve the re-referral, then it cannot be referred and must remain in the Regular Court.

Former applicants and participants who make an application within one year of completing their involvement with the Court will be required, through their counsel, to provide information to the Court in support of a further application.

If a former applicant or participant has not had any involvement with the Court for over a year, then the application process will proceed in the normal course.

Former Graduates of the Opioid Court Program and Alcohol Court Programs are prohibited from making further application to those Programs, having already utilized a finite amount of resources attributable to those Programs.

In all cases, the final decision of admissibility to any of the Court’s Programs rests with the Dartmouth Wellness Court Team and requires the consent of the Crown Attorney.