

CRITERIA FOR THE COURT TO MAKE A YOUTH THERAPEUTIC ORDER

The criteria for a judicial officer to place a young person on the proposed Youth Therapeutic Order would require

- the young person would have a significant dependency on alcohol/illicit substances/chronic/abusing prescribed medication and
- there is a serious risk of significant harm to themselves or someone else and
- less restrictive ways to prevent the young person engaging in the harmful conduct have been unsuccessful or there are no less restrictive ways to prevent the young person engaging in the harmful conduct.

There would be an adolescent forensic psychiatric or psychological assessment provided to the judicial officer regarding the suitability of the young person to participate on a Youth Therapeutic Order, including their suitability to be part of a therapeutic community.

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