

MENTAL HEALTH COURT
PRACTICE DIRECTION NUMBER 2 of 2017

**TRANSITIONAL PROVISION:
ADDITIONAL OFFENDING REFERRED TO COURT
AFTER MENTAL HEALTH ACT 2016**

If:

- a person has been referred to the Mental Health Court under the Mental Health Act 2000 (Original Reference);
 - that reference has not been finalised, and
 - after the Mental Health Act 2016 (New Act) comes into force, a party to the reference wishes to have additional offending dealt with by the Mental Health Court at the same time as the Original Reference
1. The party is to file a separate reference (whether under the 2000 or 2016 Act) (Separate Reference) for that additional offending, not amend the Original Reference.
 2. The party is to give written notice to the Registry at the time of filing the Separate Reference that it seeks to have the Court deal with the Separate Reference at the same time as the Original Reference.
 3. The party need not file any extra medical reports or other documents by reason only of this requirement to file a Separate Reference rather than amend the Original Reference.



JUSTICE JH DALTON

President

Date: 13 March 2017

(amending PD originally made 23 February 2017)