

Research Participation Consent Form
(for Nova Scotia Mental Health Court/Court Monitored Drug Treatment Program
referred cases consenting to allowing their data to be used in future research)

From time to time, the Nova Scotia Mental Health Court Program and Court Monitored Drug Treatment Program (the “Program”) will be evaluated by professional outside agencies (e.g. universities, private research consultants) to ensure we are delivering the best service possible. All evaluation or research projects will include full ethics approval from the Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA) and any other relevant agency involved in the study. Your privacy and protecting the information collected from the Program will be a priority.

For additional protection of your specific information, no single person will be named in any study, research, or evaluation project. Instead, the collected information of our group of participants will be reported to provide an overview of progress. To best determine the success of the Program, we may review such information as:

- Your Nova Scotia Health Authority health record (past and future)
- Department of Justice records (past and future)

The types of information that may be relevant to evaluating the Program may include: diagnosis, treatment provided, progress in the Program; and criminal record.

Researchers will be able to collect this information from official records and will not need to contact you directly.

Finally, your consent to allow the Program to use information about you to evaluate the Program is voluntary. If you decide later that you do not wish your information used, you can contact the Court and provide a written statement to withdraw this consent.

I agree to allow my personal information, relevant to participation in the Program and the subsequent success thereafter, to be used by researchers working with the Program.

Name: _____

Signature and Date: _____