1. Established under the *Mental Health Act 2016*, the Mental Health Court is constituted by a Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland, assisted in relation to psychiatric and intellectual disability matters by one or two assisting clinicians to enable mentally ill and intellectually disabled offenders to be moved from the criminal justice system into the mental health system.
2. An assisting clinician must be a psychiatrist or a person with expertise in the care of persons who have an intellectual disability.
3. The functions of the Mental Health Court are to determine references concerning questions of unsoundness of mind and fitness for trial in relation to persons with mental illness and/or intellectual disability who are charged with serious offences or other particular offences; to determine appeals from the Mental Health Review Tribunal and to inquire into the lawfulness of a patient’s detention in authorised mental health services.
4. Cabinet endorsed three nominees to be recommended to the Governor in Council for appointment as assisting clinicians to the Mental Health Court for three-year terms commencing on 1 March 2021:
* Dr Furhan Iqbal
* Dr Elizabeth McVie
* Dr Alexandra Simpson
1. *Attachments*:
* Nil.