

# Outpatient Justice & Mental Health Service

Integrated Forensic Program of  
the Royal Ottawa Health Care  
Group

# Mandate

- Provision of *rapid* assessment, treatment and triage of Axis 1 mental illnesses with a view to:
  - Help client remain out of custody
  - Reduce recidivism
  - Increase chance of post-charge diversion

# Population Served

- Out of custody, seriously mentally ill persons involved with the criminal justice system
- Sent by lawyers, crown or judge for evaluation
- Includes non-OHIP billable patients

# Benefits of locating the clinic at the Courthouse

- They are remanded to that date, so the court is immediately aware of compliance
- Offers opportunity for informal consultation with Crown or defence counsel
- Helps to connect people therapeutically, increases the likelihood of compliance with future hospital appointments

## Focus (2)

- Referral for substance abuse treatment
- Referral to ROH Outpatient services
- Provide medico-legal reports for the court
- Support to IFP-Champlain Inpatient Services, community agencies, including:
  - Pre-charge diversion & court support workers
  - Crisis and outreach services
  - Case managers of clients living in residences

# Clinic Resources

- IFP Psychiatrist attends the Ottawa Court House at least one half day/week
- 4 new assessments and 3 follow up appointments per week
- Support from the Duty Counsel office, Crown's office with respect to material and files