

Response by Youth Justice to the WMYDC, BYDC and CYDC Inspection Report, March 2022

On behalf of the Department of Children, Youth Justice, and Multicultural Affairs, we welcome the Youth Detention Inspectorate's March 2022 inspection report for the Brisbane Youth Detention Centre (BYDC), the Cleveland Youth Detention Centre (CYDC) and the West Moreton Youth Detention Centre (WMYDC).

Rigorous and transparent oversight is essential to ensuring young people in detention are managed appropriately, safely, and securely in accordance with the Youth Justice Act 1992 and the Youth Justice Regulation 2016. Inspection recommendations provide critical insights to ensure youth detention services evolve with contemporary best practice.

Sincere appreciation is extended to the Youth Detention Inspectorate (YDI) for their important work to improve the youth justice system. I also acknowledge the youth detention staff who work in these challenging environments on a daily basis and their commitment to improving the lives of young people and ensuring the safety of youth detention centres.

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Recommendation 1	Accepted/Not Accepted
<p>The reporting of harm policy is updated to support practice changes with a particular focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ensuring parents/guardians are informed of harm and records are maintained evidencing all communication and engagement the potential impact of cultural harm when completing harm assessments developing suitable implementation processes e.g., template, training, communication, to ensure cumulative harm is being considered and captured, and to create congruency in policy application across the centres 	Accepted in principle
Recommendation 2	Accepted/Not Accepted
Review of the existing incident report training package provided to staff to improve the quality of reporting, increase accountability, and ensure consistency of practice across all detention centres.	Accepted
Recommendation 3	Accepted/Not Accepted
To complement and inform YDRAGs activities a project is undertaken to capture information from YDC staff who resigned in the last six months and continue for an additional six months (12-months of data in total) to understand more about departure and retention issues, to inform future recruitment, retention, and professional development strategies.	Accepted
Recommendation 4	Accepted/Not Accepted
To maximise the opportunity the Unify system provides, it is recommended there is a review of the components of DCOIS to determine what information should be incorporated into Unify.	Accepted
Recommendation 5	Accepted/Not Accepted
Family members or significant others, including relevant community organisations, are engaged in young people's transition/reintegration planning, and where this has been unable to occur, the reasons why are clearly recorded in ICMS.	Accepted



Recommendation 6	Accepted/Not Accepted
YDCs explore options to address the increase and impact of sexualised incidents and consider the development of a behaviour management strategy specific to these incident types.	Accepted in principle