

Executive Summary to Inspection Report Cleveland Youth Detention Centre June quarter 2017

The Inspection of the Cleveland Youth Detention Centre (CYDC) occurred from 19 to 23 June 2017. The inspection focus area was Admissions. Areas subject to regular monitoring were Contraband, Health Services, and Partially Clothed Searches.

Inspectors were satisfied that the admissions process, including health and safety assessments of young people, is performed in accordance with legislation and departmental policy.

Health services, including dental, optical and general medical treatment available to young people while in detention, generally exceed what is available in the community and is more readily accessed.

The centre has recently bolstered front-line security through the deployment of drug detection equipment and associated staff training which aids in deterring the introduction of contraband by young people and visitors. Grounds searches by staff with the assistance of QCS PADD dogs maintain a low level of contraband being found on centre as evidenced by January - June 2017 data.

Inspectors noted that practice variances in conducting partially clothed searches potentially impacts the effectiveness of some searches and encouraged the centre to remind staff to adhere to the partially clothed search instructions in the Youth Detention Centre Operations Manual.

Therapeutic programs for young people are increasing and the Behaviour Support Team is leading a review to coordinate therapeutic service provision and maintain a continuation of care from detention to the community when a young person is released.

No recommendations are made in this report. The Inspectorate acknowledges the measures undertaken by CYDC and/or Youth Justice to address identified issues.

