

## Executive Summary to Inspection Report Brisbane Youth Detention Centre December quarter 2015

The *Youth Justice Act 1992* requires each youth detention centre to be inspected at least once every three months. Statutory inspections are conducted by Principal Inspectors of the Youth Detention Inspectorate, Ethical Standards Unit, Office of the Director-General.

The December quarterly inspection of BYDC occurred from 9 to 13 November 2015. The inspection involved a physical on-site verification of 15 Director-General approved recommendations, made from previous statutory inspections.

Eight recommendations were found to have been implemented to a satisfactory standard. In summary these recommendations include:

- The development and implementation of a property list informing each young person what centre issued property they are entitled to, as well as what personal property is allowed to be stored in their rooms.
- The repainting of bedrooms which were heavily damaged by acts of graffiti by young people over time.
- Regular inspections of the centre's building and grounds, including the young people's accommodation units by the centre's Executive Director and members of the management team. These inspections include examination of the young people's rooms and their bedding for obvious damage and any hygiene matters.
- Removal of two potential hanging points, which were retrofitted in areas accessible by young people.
- Professional training provided to the centre's Intelligence Officer by members of the Departments Corrective Services training team.

One recommendation had been partially implemented which involves eliminating blind spots in bedrooms which were unintentionally created by retrofitting a bunk bed in the room.

Six recommendations have yet to be implemented, a summary of these include:

- Developing and implementing a set of procedures for the separation of young people for behavioural issues in the Oak accommodation unit.
- Providing newly admitted young people with an opportunity to be interviewed in private by their allocated Caseworker, rather than in the accommodation units within hearing distance of other young people.

- Developing and implementing a centre wide search matrix, to ensure that all buildings and grounds are searched on a regular basis for contraband or items that might cause harm.
- The development of a single plan to be recorded on the Department's Detention Centre Operations Information System (DCOIS) when young people are required to be separated.

The next statutory inspection of BYDC will occur from the 14-18 March 2106. The inspection focus areas are suicide risk and reporting of harm, unclothed searches and the complaints process.