

Response by Youth Justice to the BYDC and CYDC Inspection Report, March 2021

On behalf of the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs, we welcome the Youth Detention Inspectorate's March 2021 inspection report for the Brisbane Youth Detention Centre (BYDC) and Cleveland Youth Detention Centre (CYDC).

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 and evidence-based advice to ensure youth detention services evolve with contemporary best practice.

Sincere appreciation is extended to the Youth Detention Inspectorate 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 tireless 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>a) Where possible, immediate actions are put in place to address the gaps in identifying and recording suicide events, suicide observations and training currency due to the critical consequences that may result</p> <p>b) A review of the current policy in relation to suicide and self-harm risk prevention to ensure information is contemporary, in line with current evidence and feedback from partner agencies involved in the suicide prevention process within the detention centres has been considered.</p>	Accepted
Recommendation 2	Accepted/Not Accepted
The current Incentives scheme within the Positive Behaviour Support Policy, Youth Detention Centre Operational Manual and any further centre specific consequence schemes implemented within each centre be reviewed by qualified practitioners to ensure they are in line with contemporary evidence.	Accepted
Recommendation 3	Accepted/Not Accepted
Stand-alone modules be created for induction training for the centre specific Positive Behaviour Support models to enhance the practical training already in place to ensure consistency of practical application by Youth Workers.	Accepted
Recommendation 4	Accepted/Not Accepted
Develop a strategy to increase the ability of communication and psychology teams within both centres to conduct therapeutic sessions to ensure young people receive therapeutic services as intended to support behaviour management.	Accepted
Recommendation 5	Accepted/Not Accepted
<p>a) Planned Incident Controller training developed in consultation with the Queensland Police Service includes content regarding the efficient use of staff and equipment to minimise the duration and severity of incidents.</p> <p>b) Incident review, in addition to focusing on causes and preventative and measures leading up to an incident, also focuses on the management throughout the entirety of the incident to identify opportunities to efficiently manage incidents to minimise impacts on centre operations, young people and staff safety.</p>	Accepted