

Executive Summary to Inspection Report Cleveland Youth Detention Centre September quarter 2016

The statutory inspection of Cleveland Youth Detention Centre occurred from the 15 to 19 of August 2016. The focus areas were Family and Community Contact and Transition from Detention. The monitored areas were Pre-Court Procedures and Unclothed Searches.

In regards to Family and Community contact it was found that the children and young people are provided with a range of options to facilitate contact with their family. These options include visits available seven days a week.

Financial support is provided to some families who live outside the Townsville area to assist with travel costs.

Young people who are from remote communities are provided with access to video links with their families.

It was also identified that young people have access to the community through a range of activities including interschool sporting events.

In the focus area of transition it was identified that some practices are in place to assist some sentenced young people with opportunities to transition from detention to the community. These practices include utilising the Independent Living Units, which are designed to assist the young people to learn basic life skills such as cooking and washing, and self-management prior to being released from detention.

Pre-court Procedures continue to operate effectively.

Unclothed searches of young people are only undertaken when clearly necessary.