

## **Executive Summary to Inspection Report Brisbane Youth Detention Centre June quarter 2016**

The statutory Inspection of the Brisbane Youth Detention Centre (BYDC) occurred from 13 to 17 June 2016. The primary inspection focus areas were Family and Community Contact and Transition from Detention. The monitored area was Facilities.

In the area of Family and Community Contact it was found that BYDC has a range of positive practices in place that encourage and promote contact between the young people and their families.

Some of the services offered at BYDC include providing a range of visiting times for families in the mornings and early evenings seven days a week. Young people from regional areas of Queensland can also request the use of the centre's video conferencing system to contact their families who are unable to attend the centre on a regular basis due to distance.

In relation to community contact the centre promotes and encourages community based schools to visit the centre for students to participate in sporting activities with the young people in detention. Other activities provided include regular scheduled visits by Aboriginal Elders, volunteers from community based organisations, cultural groups as well as external program providers.

In the focus area Transition from detention it was found that approximately 80% of the young people at BYDC have a status of remand which consequently limits any comprehensive transition opportunities occurring for this group of young people.

It was also found that Youth Justice is in the process of developing policies and procedures for those young people who are sentenced with meaningful and specifically targeted opportunities to assist them with their transition and reintegration back into the community.

In the monitored area of Facilities it was identified that there has been improvement in removing graffiti and repairing obvious signs of damage of the young people's bedrooms. The Inspectors recommend that repairs continue until completed.

The majority of male young people in one accommodation unit did not have modesty curtains. The Executive Director undertook to have this rectified immediately.

In total the Inspectors made a total of four recommendations, which will be monitored by the Inspectors during 2016-2017.

The next statutory inspection of BYDC will occur on the 26 to 30 September 2016. The Inspection focus areas are, Cultural and Religious Beliefs, Recreational Time and the monitored area is Use of Force.