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Our Ref: 09206



Mr Paul Grant, BA (Hons), LLB
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Legislative Council
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Grant

**RECOMMENDATION ARISING FROM THE TWELTH REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS
INTO THE BALGA WORKS PROGRAM.**

I write in reference to the above report, which was tabled in the Legislative Council on Thursday 29 May 2008.

The Committee Hearing took place in October 2007 and representatives from the Department of Corrective Services were amongst the witnesses called. Of the fifteen (15) recommendations in the report, one (1) recommendation relates to the Department of Corrective Services, Recommendation Five (5) of the report states:

"The Committee recommends that a review of the monitoring process for placements by the Department of Corrective Services and the Department of Child protection be undertaken."

The Juvenile Custodial Services Directorate of the Department of Corrective Services has reviewed its monitoring process and has comprehensive criteria which are to be addressed when placing young people at Supported Accommodation, hostels or educational institutions. The Supervised Bail Branch also constantly reviews bail placement options and work closely with Placement and Field Officers from the Department of Child Protection on a case by case basis.

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The scope to develop a joint initiative to provide accommodation and related supports is being explored at a senior directorate level.

For more information regarding supervised bail placement options, please contact Peter Logan, Manager Supervised Bail and Diversion at Rangeview Juvenile Remand Centre on 9333 9100.

Yours sincerely

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Margaret Quirk MLA
MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES

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Rangeview Remand Centre

SUPERINTENDENTS NOTICE

To: All Staff
From: Superintendent, Nigel Smith
Date: 17th July 2008
Re: Provision of Supported Accommodation
Superintendent Notice No.: 18/08

There are risks associated with the placement of a young person on Supervised Bail in accommodation other than with family.

It is a responsibility of the Supervised Bail program to manage any risk and to make considered and informed decisions on placement options.

With regard to the placement of young people in Supported Accommodation services, hostels or educational institutions the following criteria must be addressed.

1. There will be clearly documented Service Level Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding or protocols with organisation which provide supported accommodation and related services for young people on Supervised Bail. These agreements will be negotiated through the Manager Supervised Bail and Diversion.
2. Key points to be included in any documentation will include reference to the legal status of the organisation. Young people will not be placed in an organisation or with a service that is not incorporated. This does not exclude statutory bodies that have a legislative framework.
3. Reference must be made to the organisations funding source and employment policies. No consideration will be given to placement with an organisation that does not comply with Working with Children Legislation. Any staff from these agencies attending Rangeview will produce their Working with Children Card prior to access.
4. A communication strategy must be built-in into any agreement to ensure relevant information is shared. Referrals and information will be recorded on a referral document a copy of which will be filed. The communication strategy will outline a grievance process.
5. Families of young people being placed will have input into the decision to place a young person, if the Family are unable or unwilling to participate the Department of Child Protection will be consulted for input. Young people under the age of 16 will be referred to the Department of Child Protection who will manage any placement option.

All agreements will be reviewed every 12 months, any concerns, issues incidents involving any placement option will be investigated and placements. Supervised Bail will not place a young person if the placement does not reflect the requirements of the Bail Act (1982) as outlined in- Schedule 1 Part C 3.2

Child to have qualified right to bail

(1) In this clause —

“responsible person” means a parent, relative, employer or other person who, in the opinion of the judicial officer or authorised officer, is in a position to both influence the conduct of the child and provide the child with support and direction.

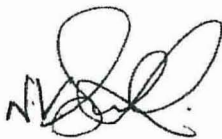
The Supervised Bail Program has current Service Level Agreements, Memorandums of Understanding or protocols with the following services.

- The Department of Child Protection
- Services Funded under the Supported Accommodation Program
- City Mission:- Respite and Withdrawal and YIRRA
- DRUG ARM WA (INC)

The program is currently negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding with;

- Esther House

Without detracting from the intent of this document the Supervised Bail Program will place young people on bail in the Bentley Adolescent Unit and in a Public Hospitals as required and will provide a document outlining the young person's legal status and a communication strategy in these instances.



Nigel Smith
Superintendent
Rangeview Remand Centre

17th July 2008