

# Communiqué

## Blueprint for Youth Justice Taskforce

Meeting – 5 September 2018



The Blueprint for Youth Justice Taskforce (the Taskforce) met on 5 September 2018 to progress the refresh of the ACT Government's 10-year *Blueprint for Youth Justice in the ACT 2012-22* (the Blueprint). The Taskforce has met on nine occasions since August 2017, including two half-day workshops at Bimberi Youth Justice Centre. The Taskforce has considered research, information and presentations to develop priorities for the next four years of the Blueprint.

Organisations represented at the meeting were: the ACT Human Rights Commission, the Community Services Directorate (CSD), Youth Coalition, Woden Community Services, Legal Aid ACT, Education Directorate, ACT Health, ACT Policing and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body.

The Taskforce considered a draft briefing paper on the future directions of the Blueprint. The draft briefing paper consolidated information considered by the Taskforce since August 2017 and highlighted for discussion the focus areas and implementation priorities for the remaining years of the Blueprint.

The key focus areas being considered are:

- preventing the intergenerational transmission of criminal offending;
- intervention options for young people in early adolescence;
- enhancing support for young people with disability and/or mental health concerns in detention;
- improving outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people; and
- implementing stronger Throughcare practices in youth justice.

The Taskforce is also considering the cross cutting themes of restorative practice, trauma informed care and whole-of-family response to offending. Time was spent by the Taskforce considering each focus area in detail, its alignment with the Blueprint Strategy and how each key focus area would be implemented over the remaining years of the strategy.

The next meeting of the Taskforce will consider a comprehensive paper for presentation to the Minister for Children, Youth and Families and ongoing governance for the Blueprint from 2018 to 2022. The meeting is scheduled for October 2018.

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