Blueprint for Youth Justice Taskforce

Workshop – 3 May 2018

The Blueprint for Youth Justice Taskforce (the Taskforce) held their seventh meeting on 3 May 2018 to progress the refresh of the ACT Government’s 10-year Blueprint for Youth Justice in the ACT 2012-22. This meeting was a half-day workshop to consider information received by the Taskforce to date and how this information can be used to progress the priorities of the Blueprint for Youth Justice in the ACT 2012-22 over the next five years.

Co-chairs Jodie Griffiths-Cook, ACT Public Advocate and Children and Young People Commissioner and Mark Collis, Deputy Director-General, Community Services Directorate, led the workshop.

Organisations represented at the workshop were: the ACT Human Rights Commission, the Community Services Directorate (CSD), Aboriginal Legal Services, PCYC, Youth Coalition, Woden Community Services, Education Directorate (EDU), Justice and Community Safety Directorate (JaCS), and Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD).

The Taskforce considered the seven strategies of the Blueprint for Youth Justice in the ACT 2012-22 and how these strategies align with the priorities identified by the Taskforce for the remaining five years of the Blueprint. The Taskforce also considered what foundations need to be in place for the Blueprint to deliver positive youth justice outcomes.

The Taskforce considered in detail how the Blueprint might advance three of the identified priority areas over the final five years of the Strategy. The priority areas considered at this workshop were:

• Throughcare;
• Intergenerational transmission of offending; and
• Interventions for young people in early adolescence at risk of offending.

The Taskforce will hold a second workshop for more in-depth consideration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people and disability justice in the context of the youth justice system.

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