



Youth Custodial Rule 710

Health Services

Legislation referred to: [Young Offenders Act 1994](#)
[Young Offenders Regulations 1995](#)
[Freedom of Information Act 1992](#)

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Department of Corrective Services' Health Services Directorate is a nationally accredited health service.
- 1.2 The Health Services Directorate will provide safe, high quality care comparable with that provided in the wider community. This will be achieved through the practice of high clinical standards, continuous quality improvement, management of risks and adherence to relevant legislative and regulatory requirements.
- 1.3 The Health Services Directorate delivers health care using the Four Cornerstones of health care:
 - primary care
 - chronic disease management
 - co-morbidity services
 - communicable disease services.

2. Scope

This Youth Custodial Rule applies to all Youth Custodial Services (YCS) staff, volunteers and contractors and should be read in conjunction with all relevant Youth Custodial Rules, Standing Orders and Departmental policies and procedures

3. Principles

- 3.1 As detailed in the [Health Services Patient Charter](#), detainees (patients) have the right to the following:
 - to receive treatment based on their health needs and, if they need to wait for this treatment, to be told how long they can expect to wait
 - to be treated with respect, dignity and consideration for their privacy and special needs
 - to receive safe and high quality health care provided with professional care, skill and competence
 - to receive a clear explanation of any proposed treatment, including risks and alternatives, before agreeing or refusing to have the treatment
 - to have access to an interpreter

- to be given information about their continuing health care before they leave the YCS facility
- to agree or refuse to participate in medical/nursing student training or medical research
- the right to apply for access to their medical records under the [Freedom of Information Act 1992](#) and to have personal information kept confidential
- the right to compliment, comment or complain about the health care they receive, and to be given information on how to lodge a complaint without compromising their health care.

3.2 Detainees (patients) have responsibilities under the [Health Services Patient Charter](#). These include:

- respecting the role and dignity of health staff and their right to a safe and pleasant work environment
- informing health staff about their medical history and about any treatment or medication they were receiving prior to being placed in detention
- advising health staff of any changes in their condition, including problems they may have with any treatments they are receiving
- advising health staff of any special needs
- following treatment instructions, or letting health staff know if they are unable or unwilling to do so
- keeping health appointments and if the appointment needs to be cancelled the health centre should be advised as soon as possible
- being considerate to the needs of other patients
- complying with Departmental policy of zero tolerance of aggressive, antisocial or disruptive behaviour towards staff and being aware that non-compliance will result in immediate removal from the health centre.

4. Medical examinations on admission

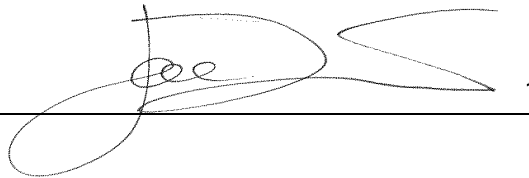
- 4.1** In the event that WA Police (WAPol) attend the facility with a young person who upon examination by health staff is medically unwell and in need of further medical treatment, he/she will not be admitted into the YCS facility.
- 4.2** YCS staff shall offer assistance to WAPol and arrange for an ambulance to the nearest accident and emergency department.

Approval

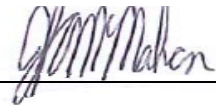
Rule made pursuant to Section 181 (1) of the *Young Offenders Act 1994* and *Young Offenders Regulations 1995*, by the Commissioner being the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Corrective Services with the approval of the Minister for Corrective Services.

On the 13th day of March 2014

Minister



Commissioner



On the recommendation of the Deputy Commissioner Youth Justice Services and the Director Youth Custodial Services.



**Deputy Commissioner
Youth Justice Services**



**Director
Youth Custodial Services**



**Director
Health Services**

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