

ABOUT JUSTICE HEALTH

Justice Health is a Statutory Health Corporation established under the Health Services Act (NSW) 1997 and is funded by NSW Health.

Justice Health provides health care in a complex environment to people in the adult correctional system, to those in courts and police cells, to juvenile detainees and to those within the NSW forensic mental health system and in the community.

In all contexts, Justice Health must work closely with a variety of other organisations, including NSW Health, Department of Corrective Services (DCS), Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), Area Health Services, Community Controlled Aboriginal Health Organisations, NSW Police Force, Attorney General's Department, Universities, community groups and advocacy groups.

Our commitment to providing the best possible health care to our clients remains our key focus. We are confident that through the efforts of our dedicated and professional staff we will continue to provide a health service that leads the way in international best practice for those who come into contact with the NSW criminal justice system.

JUSTICE HEALTH VISION

International best practice health care for those in contact with the NSW criminal justice system

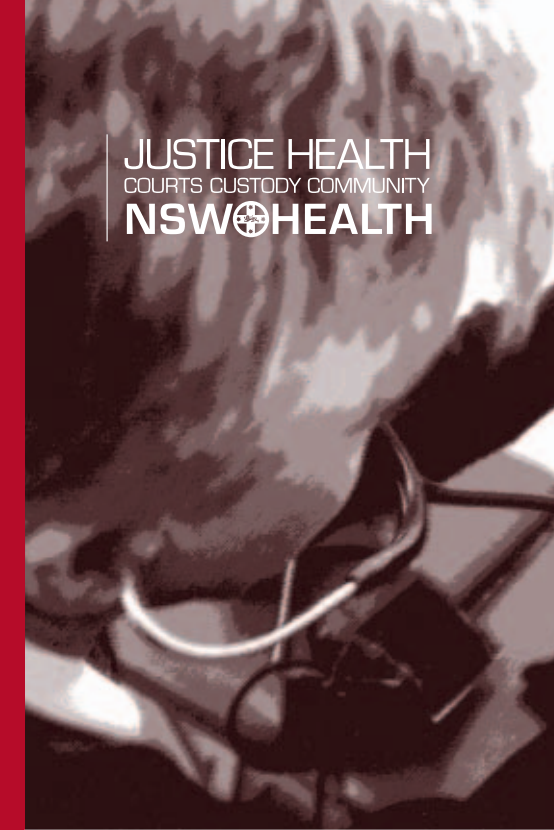
JUSTICE HEALTH GOALS

- Identify the health care needs of our client group
- Provide high quality, clinically appropriate services, informed by best practice and applied research
- Make health care part of the rehabilitative endeavour
- Facilitate continuity of care to the community
 - Develop an organisational culture that supports service delivery
 - Promote fair access to health services
 - Provide strong corporate and clinical governance

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OUR ENVIRONMENT

Justice Health cares for over 25,000 inmates and 3,750 juvenile detainees annually and is responsible for providing health services in metropolitan and regional NSW. Each year there are over 250,000 movements of adult inmates between NSW courts and correctional centres.

Justice Health is able to make use of this paradoxical opportunity to screen, triage and provide care to disadvantaged members of the community who may not access health services well in the community.

The Adult Criminal Justice System

At the end of June 2007, Justice Health was providing a range of health services to a daily average of approximately 9,600 full-time adult inmates. This represents an annual increase of around 5.5% per annum over the last five years.

Adult Facilities

32 correctional centres
11 periodic detention centres
10 police cell complexes
17 court complexes
Adult Drug Court
Post release treatment schemes
Maximum secure forensic hospital
Community Forensic Mental Health Service
Court Liaison Service

The Juvenile Justice System

At the end of June 2007, Justice Health was providing health services to 360 adolescents in detention. There are approximately 3,750 young people who come into custody each year (1,800 individuals) in the juvenile justice system. Over 90% of young people in custody are male and 41% identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

Adolescent Facilities

8 juvenile justice centres
1 juvenile detention centre
Youth Drug & Alcohol Court
Juvenile Justice Post Release Treatment Scheme
Adolescent Court and Community Team

OUR SERVICES

Our range of services and levels of expertise are continuing to expand rapidly as we develop health interventions that allow us to improve the health and wellbeing of those in contact with the NSW criminal justice system.

Services are provided in both rural and metropolitan regions in the following areas:

- Primary Health
- Population Health
- Drug & Alcohol
- Mental Health
- Women's Health
- Aboriginal Health
- Adolescent Health

Courts

The Court Liaison Service provides mental health professionals in 17 NSW Local Courts. They provide comprehensive assessment and where appropriate provide recommendations to the Magistrate for diversion to appropriate treatment.

The Youth Drug and Alcohol Court is concerned with reducing drug and/or alcohol related criminal activity by children through a combination of judicial and therapeutic interventions that are designed to reduce and manage drug and/or alcohol use.

Community

The Adult Community Forensic Mental Health Service is comprised of mental health clinicians including psychiatrists, nurses and allied health staff. This Service uses the consultation-liaison model, and works closely with the Adult Ambulatory Correctional Mental Health Service, Court Liaison Service and Area Mental Health Services.

The Adolescent Community and Court Team works with other Government agencies and Area Child & Adolescent Community Mental Health Services to divert young people from custody.

The Connections Project aims to improve continuity of care for adult inmates with histories of problematic drug use who are being released to the community.

The trial Juvenile Justice Centre Release Treatment Scheme is a pre and post release initiative offering a continuum of care to recently released adolescents. This involves a holistic approach to the post release health care of the participants and their families.

OUR PEOPLE

As at June 2007, Justice Health had 744 full time equivalent positions which was made up of over 900 staff, 78% of whom were classified as medical, nursing, allied health staff, oral health workers and other health professionals.

Employer of Choice

Justice Health staff have the opportunity to work in many specialist areas and in a variety of settings.

Justice Health dedicates approximately 2% of staff related costs towards staff development and training through the provision of ongoing education from within the organisation or funding for training with external educational facilities.

Further, strong links are maintained with universities for medical, nursing and allied health undergraduate placements. We also have a New Graduate placement program to assist newly registered nurses in their first year of practice.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Service Development

The construction of the new Forensic and Prison Hospitals at Malabar will enable Justice Health to provide care for forensic patients and the mentally ill in line with national and international best practice. The two hospitals will significantly increase the number of beds available for forensic and mentally ill patients in NSW.

Justice Health Strategic Plan 2010

The Justice Health Strategic Plan to 2010 has been formulated to reflect the seven strategic directions of NSW Health and the goals of the NSW Government's State Plan. The Plan will act as a guide to navigate Justice Health through the many challenges to be faced by the organisation in the coming years.