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Dear Mr Ryan

Draft Report – Snapshot Series: Prisoners access to dental care in Western Australia

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the “Prisoner Access to Dental Care” report.

As contract representative for Acacia Prison, I acknowledge and appreciate the endeavours undertaken by the OICS team in compiling this report. Outlined below are my comments/clarifications on items that directly relate to Acacia Prison.

1. Page 5 paragraph preceding table 3 & page 6 paragraph 3.

Acacia Prison maintains dental data by entering detail into the individual patients Echo Notes (DoJ Health System). Due to the time frames provided for the provision of information, we were unable to individually review every patient’s Dental information and respond in a timely manner. However, Acacia has since commenced a separate collation of this information for review or future reference.

2. Page 8 table 5.

It is pleasing to note in the data provided that Acacia has the lowest wait time for prisoner attendance across all Prisons for the period identified in the report.

3. Page 15 recommendation 4 – Increase in the number of Aboriginal Health Workers in Prisons across Western Australia.

The Acacia Prison Services Agreement commenced operation on the 16th May 2021. The new agreement has allowed for the opportunity to implement changes and provide new services within the Health Services sector at Acacia.

Through our Aboriginal Workforce Plan, Acacia is committed to increasing the recruitment of people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent. In line with this, our new health model provides for an additional four roles dedicated to Aboriginal Health:

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- Aboriginal Health – Registered Nurse
- Aboriginal Health – Advanced Enrolled Nurse
- Aboriginal Health – Aboriginal Health Practitioner x 2

Thank you again for the opportunity for Acacia to review the report and provide feedback.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brenton Williams', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brenton Williams
Superintendent
Acacia Prison