

Prisoners Forum Report Quarter 1 | January to March 2021

1. Meeting of members of the Prisoners Forum

As a result of an administrative oversight the Prisoners Forum did not convene on the scheduled date of 11 February 2021. Calendar invites have now been sent for the remainder of 2021.

2. Presentation on the Inmate Early Assessment Scheme

A further invitation has been extended to Wilma Falcone, Director of Housing Statewide Services, Department of Communities & Justice, to attend the scheduled meeting on 20 May 2021 to provide a progress report on the Inmate Early Assessment Scheme (IEAS).

3. Prisoners Legal Information Team update

The Prisoners Legal Information Team (PLIT) has provided a copy of the draft minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2021. The PLIT members continue to work with CSNSW on the in-cell technology pilots and plan to have a presentation at the next meeting on 9 March 2021. The PLIT is also working with multi-media agencies regarding the development of promotional materials. The PLIT members have completed the update of the Legal Information Portal which included the upload of the Sentencing Bench Book, approved by the Judicial Commission. The PLIT members are still working on access to Legal information in privately run Correctional Centres. Promotion of the Legal Information Portal to be discussed by members.

4. Frank Baxter Report

At the meeting on 29 October 2021, Just Reinvest confirmed the current work with Youth Justice NSW around the Frank Baxter Report and the high-risk unit. An update will be provided by Jenny Loveric at the scheduled meeting of 20 May 2021.

5. Watching brief – s78A

The member group appointed to further investigate and collaborate on discussions of the policies and procedures around separation of prisoners and the role of s78A of the Crimes (Administration of Sentences) Act 1999 (NSW), are to update the group on the progress at the scheduled meeting 20 May 2021.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting of the Prisoners Forum is on **Thursday 20 May 2021, from 9:30am to 11am.**

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