Australian Capital Territory

**Corrections Management (Custodial Case Management Supervision & Case Plan Review) Operating Procedure 2022**

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made under the

**Corrections Management Act 2007, s14 (Corrections policies and operating procedures)**

**1 Name of instrument**

This instrument is the *Corrections Management (Custodial Case Management Supervision & Case Plan Review) Operating Procedure 2022*.

**2 Commencement**

This instrument commences on the day after its notification day.

**3 Operating Procedure**

I make this operating procedure to facilitate the effective and efficient management of correctional services.

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ACT Corrective Services  
26 September 2022

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| **OPERATING PROCEDURE** | **Custodial Case Management Supervision and Case Plan Review** |
| **OPERATING PROCEDURE NO.** | **CM1.4** |
| **SCOPE** | **Alexander Maconochie Centre** |

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To provide instructions to Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC) Case Managers about supervision requirements and Case Management Plan (CMP) reviews.

PROCEDURES

1. Supervision
   1. The AMC Case Manager must identify the offender’s level of need during the development of their case plan.
   2. The AMC Case Manage may only engage with the offender with the offender’s consent.
   3. The level of contact the AMC Case Manger has with the offender is dependent on the offender’s level of need. Based on the offender’s level of need, the AMC Case Manager (Sentenced) must determine minimum contact required according to the following best practice guidelines:

**DETAINEES ON REMAND**

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| **REMAND\*** | |
| Induction | Within five working days |
| Face to face | Based on level of need as identified during the induction and/or Management Plan and next in court date |
| Case Management Plan | At one month mark |

\* Refer to the *Custodial Case Management Remand Operating Procedure* for further information.

**DETAINEES WITH A SENTENCE UNDER SIX MONTHS**

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| **NEWLY SENTENCED – First six weeks** | | | |
| Face to face | Every two weeks | | |
| LSI-R | In first six weeks | | |
| Reintegration Needs Assessment | In first six weeks | | |
| Case Management Plan | In first six weeks | | |
| **ONGOING CONTACT\*** | | | |
|  | **Low\*** | **Medium\*** | **High\*** |
| Face to face | 1 every 4 weeks | 1 every 3 weeks | 1 every 2 weeks |
| Case conferences | At CMP development | At CMP development | At CMP development |

\* Based on Reintegration Needs Assessment (RNA) Score

**DETAINEES WITH A SENTENCE OVER SIX MONTHS**

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| **NEWLY SENTENCED – First six weeks** | | | | |
| Face to face | Every two weeks | | | |
| LSI-R | In first six weeks | | | |
| Case plan | In first six weeks | | | |
| **CONTACT – First six months** | | | | |
|  | **Low** | **Low Medium** | **High Medium** | **Maximum** |
| Face to face | 1 every 8 weeks | 1 every 8 weeks | 1 every 4 weeks | 1 every 4 weeks |
| Case Conferences | At CMP development | At CMP development | At CMP development | At CMP development |
| **CONTACT – Seventh month to six months pre-release** | | | | |
| Face to face | 1 every 16 weeks | 1 every 16 weeks | 1 every 12 weeks | 1 every 12 weeks |
| Case Plan Review | Annual\* | Annual\* | Every 6 months\* | Every 6 months\* |
| Case conferences | Annual | Annual | Annual | Annual |

\* A Case Management Plan review is also required to occur if a detainee’s face to face contact level increases due to their level of need.

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| **FOUR MONTHS PRE TRANSITIONAL RELEASE PROGRAM (TRP)** | | | | |
| Face to face | Every two weeks until LSI-R, case plan and TRP application are completed | | | |
| LSI-R | In first six weeks | | | |
| Case plan | In first six weeks | | | |
| **CONTACT – Until entry into TRP/TRC or application not approved.** | | | | |
|  | **Low** | **Medium-Low** | **Medium-High** | **Maximum** |
| Face to face | 1 every 4 weeks | 1 every 4 weeks | 1 every 2 weeks | 1 every 2 weeks |
| Case Conferences | At TRP development | At TRP development | At TRP development | At TRP development |

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| **TRP/TRC (To be developed once business case approved)** | | | |
| **ONGOING CONTACT** | | | |
|  | **Phase 1** | **Phase 2** | **Phase 3** |
| Face to face | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Case Plan Review | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Case Conferences | TBD | TBD | TBD |

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| **SEVEN MONTHS PRE-EARLIEST RELEASE DATE** | |
| Face to face | Every two weeks until parole application completed or detainee confirmed they will not be applying for parole |
| Parole application | Detainee to be supported to complete their parole application within four weeks |

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| **SIX MONTHS PRE-RELEASE** | | | |
| Face to face | Every two weeks until Reintegration Needs Assessment and Reintegration Case Plan are competed | | |
| RNA | In first six weeks | | |
| Case Management Plan | In first six weeks | | |
| **ONGOING CONTACT** | | | |
|  | **Low** | **Medium\*** | **High\*** |
| Face to face | 1 every 4 weeks | 1 every 3 weeks | 1 every 2 weeks |
| Case conferences | At CMP development | At CMP development | At CMP development |

\* If Aboriginal and Torre Strait Islander detainees would like to be case managed by an Aboriginal agency they must be referred to Yeddung Murra for pre and post release support at the time the RNA and RNP is completed.

1. Changes to Level of Need
   1. The AMC Case Manger (Sentenced) must consider the level of need of the offender when determining the level of contact they have with the offender. However, the level of need of the offender may fluctuate over time and is impacted by factors including but not limited to:
      1. upcoming court dates/possible release dates
      2. (dis)engagement with programs
      3. significant event within the AMC
      4. significant event within their family
      5. engagement with NDIS
      6. any other significant change
   2. During periods of time when the offender’s level of need may have been impacted, the AMC Case Manager (both sentenced and remand) must consult with the Team Leader (TL) to decide whether to respond to the offender’s level of need as opposed to minimum contact levels.
   3. During these episodes, the AMC Case Manager (Sentenced) is to have face-to-face contact with the offender at a minimum of once every two weeks until it is determined by the AMC Case Manager (Sentenced), in consultation with the TL, that minimum contact levels can recommence.
2. Review
   1. When the issue that resulted in increased contact levels has been adequately resolved, the AMC Case Manager (Sentenced) and the TL must have a formal case discussion regarding contact levels. The AMC Case Manager (Sentenced) must document this discussion in CORIS within one business day.
   2. The AMC Case Manager (Sentenced) must organise a case conference and case plan review when the AMC Case Manager (Sentenced) and TL have determined that minimum contact levels can recommence after a period in which the offender’s level of need has increased.
   3. The AMC Case Manager (Sentenced) must discuss with the offender and liaise with the following stakeholders (where applicable) during the case plan review:
      1. allocated Custodial Case Manager
      2. Forensic Mental Health Service
      3. ACT Health
      4. Aboriginal Liaison Office
      5. Corrections Program Unit
      6. Supports and Interventions Unit, including the AMC Disability Liaison Officer
      7. Alcohol and Drug Team
      8. AMC Education
      9. AMC Employment
      10. Community Corrections
      11. TRP staff
      12. ACT Child and Youth Protection Services
      13. family and significant other people

This liaison may occur in the form of a case conference with all identified stakeholders.

* 1. For offenders with a sentence over six months, the AMC Case Manager must review the offender’s CMP between the seventh month to six months pre-release:
     1. annually for detainees with low to medium-low reintegration needs
     2. every six months for detainees with medium-high to maximum reintegration needs

RELATED DOCUMENTS

* Case Management Policy 2022
* Custodial Case Management Case Planning Operating Procedure 2022
* Level of Service Inventory - Revised CI
* Case Management Plan Template
* Transitional Release Program Policy
* Pathways for Support of Sentenced Detainees

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