

Duty of Care Implementation Committee



Community Development Minister David Templeman with members of the Duty of Care Implementation Committee

A message from Department for Community Development Director General, Jane Brazier

We are making good progress in responding to the Gwenn Murray Report 'A duty of care to children and young people of Western Australia' released by the former Minister last December.

It was pleasing that the report found no structural failure of the Department's system. However it found that in the majority of the cases reviewed, practice was sufficient, but not 'best practice'.

In order to ensure the system is improved by implementation of the report's recommendations, I have established an Implementation Committee.

I am personally chairing the Committee and Gwenn Murray will be overseeing the work and quality-assuring it.

The Implementation Committee includes representatives from:

- Foster Care Association Inc WA;
- CREATE Foundation;
- Children's, Youth and Families Agencies Association (CYFAA);
- Yorganop;
- Secretariat National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care;
- Community and Public Sector Union/ Civil Service Association of WA; and
- DCD.

Members of the Implementation Committee are committed to making real changes to improve the lives of all children in care, as well as improving conditions, support and training for carers and workers who provide support for children in care.

The Committee has begun by developing an Implementation Strategy which includes principles, an action plan and a set of performance indicators to measure the impact of the implementation.

Community Development Minister David Templeman recently attended a meeting to meet members of the Implementation Committee and discuss the response to the report. The Minister expressed his commitment to the implementation of the recommendations and his wish for regular updates which he will report to Parliament.

We are also committed to regular communication with DCD staff, children and young people in care, their carers and other stakeholders in the out-of-home care sector about our progress.

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