



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **WA Police Force respond to CCC recommendations on excessive use of force**

The Corruption and Crime Commission has tabled a report in State Parliament on a [Further review of the WA Police Force response to an incident in the lock-up of a country town](#), detailing the significant improvements made by the WA Police Force over the past two years.

Following its review of a WA Police Force investigation and response into a disturbing use of force incident, the Commission made four recommendations in March 2018, relating to officer training and changes to policy.

Measures taken by the WA Police Force resulting from the Commission's recommendations include:

- the development and implementation of bespoke training and management programs for officers who display concerning behaviours or poor judgement in situations involving use of force;
- updates to its Custodial Lock-up Standard Operating Procedures;
- new Custody Lock-up Keeper / Shift Supervisor training and greater access to relevant manuals, policies and guides;
- a dedicated trainer at the Perth Watch House for police auxiliary officers responsible for custody support; and
- the development of a working group in late 2018 to review all policies relating to use of force and tactical options.

By December 2019, 96% of frontline officers had completed the new Custody Lock-up Training. As of January 2020, eight officers had completed bespoke training.

The Commission has made some additional observations to WA Police Force about how information sharing could be improved to better identify officers who may have patterns of behaviour requiring intervention.

The Commission's inclusion of the additional review highlights the need for ongoing awareness, management and training, and a continued focus on ensuring compliance with the initiatives WA Police Force has implemented.

The Commission considers the WA Police Force response to three of the recommendations complete, noting that there has been limited progress in response to the fourth recommendation, which relates to policy reform.

The Commission will follow up on the outstanding recommendation and report again in a year's time.

### **Read the report**

[\*Further review of the WA Police Force response to an incident in the lock-up of a country town\*](#) - 9 April 2020

### **Related materials**

Report - [\*Review of Police Response to an Incident in a Country Town where Excessive Force was used and an Arrested Person's Details not Recorded\*](#) - 21 March 2018

Vision - [\*Review of Police Response to an Incident in a Country Town where Excessive Force was used and an Arrested Person's Details not Recorded\*](#)

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