

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Commission considers recommendation into the WA Police Force's reporting of use of force incidents complete**

The Corruption and Crime Commission has tabled its *Final review of the WA Police Force response to an incident in the lock up of a country town* in State Parliament today.

The report follows concerns originally raised by the Commission in 2018 relating to the WA Police Force's use of force policy which it considered ambiguous and open to interpretation.

The Commission made four recommendations addressing matters about supervision of junior officers, management of officers who demonstrate repeat behaviour in excessive use of force, use of force reporting and aftercare, and custody recordkeeping and management.

The Commission monitors the response of the WA Police Force and other agencies to its recommendations and reported last year on the significant commitment of the WA Police Force to addressing the issues. Three of the four recommendations were closed and one relating to reporting use of force incidents remained open.

Earlier this year, the WA Police Force advised the Commission there had been a change to the use of force policy. Police officers must now report use of force if bodily injury is identified by an officer or identified or claimed by a person involved in an incident, regardless of whether medical care is received or declined by them.

The Commission recognises the true test of the changes will be in how the change in policy is applied by police officers. As the oversight agency of the WA Police Force, the Commission remains committed to monitoring the policy changes, and their impact on use of force reporting and associated risks.

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#### **Read the report**

[Final review of the WA Police Force response to an incident in the lock up of a country town](#)

#### **Previous reports**

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

[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

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**Previous vision**

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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