

Bennett Brook Disability Justice Centre (the Centre)

The Centre is WA's first declared place and is governed by the *Declared Places (Mentally Impaired Accused) Act 2015*.

Placement at the Centre

The Mentally Impaired Accused Review Board has responsibility for determining the placement of all M.I.A. and makes a recommendation about whether a person is to be released into the community, kept in prison or reside in a specified non-prison facility.

Operations of the Centre

The Centre can accommodate up to 10 people and aims to help each resident to achieve positive long-term, sustainable outcomes to ultimately live in the community. It is designed to create a secure and home-like environment where residents can take responsibility for their day-to-day living needs with support as required.

The Centre is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Programs, supports and services for the residents

Programs, services and supports provided to Centre residents (aged 16 years or older) are individually tailored to meet their needs and help them gain the necessary life skills to live independently in the community.

Tailored supports are provided in an environment that endeavours to replicate life in the community. Residents are supported to undertake activities in the community and must comply with the conditions stipulated by the Board.



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Disability Justice Service

For eligible people
with intellectual
disability, cognitive
impairment or autism
who are involved
with the criminal
justice system.

The Disability Justice Service is a state government funded service delivered by the Department of Communities that supports eligible people with disability who are interfacing with the justice system.

The Disability Justice Service:

- Provides In-reach services to those held in prison or Banksia Hill Detention Centre.
- Provides support through a multi-disciplinary team of allied health clinicians, on a referral basis. The team assists disability sector organisations and the justice system to understand and better support people with disability around issues relating to offending behaviour.
- Delivers customised disability awareness training to agencies involved in the justice system.
- Operates the Bennett Brook Disability Justice Centre for eligible people with disability who are deemed Mentally Impaired Accused (MIA) i.e. unfit to stand trial.

Eligible people with disability can be supported through the following:

1. Early intervention

- Supporting and providing information about the law for individuals at risk of arrest.
- Providing relevant advice for people with disability during interactions with the police.
- Engaging and building community networks.
- Accessing reasonable resources.

2. Assessments

- Fast-tracking the diagnostic assessment pathway for people with disability deemed unfit to stand trial.
- Providing assessments and reports for the Mentally Impaired Accused Review Board (the Board) for people with disability deemed unfit to stand trial.

3. Advocacy support

- Referring people with disability to specialist advocacy and legal support, such as Legal Aid WA to ensure the best outcomes for the person.

4. Supports through the court process

- Providing information about court processes including the Intellectual Disability Diversion Program (IDDP) and Children's Court Links Program. (No direct support is provided to individuals in the Courtroom).
- Providing disability-related information to the courts with the consent of the person or their Guardian.
- Providing disability-related support and assistance for people on community orders.
- Providing joint planning as required.

5. Supports to adults and young people in custody

- Justice Coordinators maintain connection with people in custody to ensure timely involvement in planning upon the person's release.
- Identifying funding opportunities to support a successful transition into the community.
- Providing short-term consultancy to the Department of Justice (e.g. positive behaviour support).
- Providing information and reports to the Department of Justice to assist whilst the person is in custody or effect a transition back into the community.