

emd
240717



WRITTEN QUESTIONS FORM

2nd Session, 65th General Assembly

Legislative Assembly of PEI

Question number: 1411	Question date: May 12, 2017
Question asked by: James Aylward, MLA for Stratford-Kinlock	
Question asked of (<i>department</i>): Justice and Public Safety	
Question answered by (<i>Minister</i>): Hon. Wade MacLauchlan	Date received by Clerk's Office: JUL 24 2017 <small>Office Use Only</small>

QUESTION: Please table a summary of mental health supports available to inmates of provincial correctional facilities.

ANSWER:

Inmates in PEI correctional facilities have access to a broad range of medical services responding to both physical and mental health needs. The Community and Correctional Services Division employs registered nurses, social workers, correctional officers, teachers, probation officers and a team of mental health clinicians who work together to provide timely, accessible and evidence-based interventions to offenders. Divisional employees are highly trained professionals whose formal education is supplemented by a robust training calendar which offers ongoing opportunities for knowledge building and skill development in areas such as Mental Health First Aid, Suicide Prevention, Intimate Partner Violence, Addiction Awareness, and Assessment and Treatment of Sex Offenders, to name a few.

All offenders admitted to the Provincial Correctional Centre (PCC) or Prince Correctional Centre (PRCC) are assessed by a registered nurse upon admission and regularly during their incarceration. Every sentenced offender is assigned a Primary Worker (Correctional Officer) who is responsible for building a professional relationship with the offender, working with them to identify their individual risks and needs, referral to appropriate programs and services (internal and external), and developing a case plan outlining specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timely goals. This includes mental health programs, services and supports.

Nursing staff at provincial correctional centres are responsible for managing inmates' daily medication and health care needs, under the direction of a physician. At present, the Division has three physicians working on a rotating schedule of one week each of on-call duty. They are contacted for prescriptions, advice on inmate care, and notified when an inmate needs to be sent to the emergency department.

PCC also has a physician clinic every two weeks. PRCC offenders are transported to PCC for these clinics as required.

The Division has a Clinical Services Team which is a provincial resource that provides assessment and treatment services to clients involved in the criminal justice system. Clinicians offer group treatment programs and one-to-one interventions to assist, support and treat individuals experiencing significant personal difficulties associated with criminal behaviour and high risk behavior directed toward self or others.

Individuals experiencing mental health issues can access a series of services through the Divisional Clinical team. Therapists provide short-term, or on-going care, interventions and emotional support to clients experiencing major mental illnesses, depression, anxiety, institutional adjustment issues, or any other mental or psychological issues.

In addition to individual counseling, corrections also offers a variety of group programs designed to respond to the most prevalent risks and needs of offenders. Topic areas include anger management, substance abuse, parenting, relapse prevention, respectful relationships, job readiness, meditation, and healthy boundaries. Although women offenders comprise a small portion of the overall population at PCC, the Centre offers programs and services that are gender responsive, reflecting women's unique needs and specific issues.

In December 2013 PCC began delivering the Integrated Correctional Program Model based on the Correctional Service Canada's most effective offender programs. These programs have been proven to significantly reduce reoffending. The program model targets the multiple risk factors that most offenders have in an efficient and comprehensive way. Offenders learn to understand the risk factors that are linked to their criminal behaviour. They learn to use the skills they gain from the program in challenging or stressful situations. The moderate intensity Multi-Target Program targets men who have been assessed as having a moderate risk to reoffend. Typically, the program consists of 50 group and individual sessions (2 -2.5 hours). The program is designed to teach offenders skills that help reduce their risky and harmful behaviours. It helps them change their attitudes and beliefs. They learn to set goals and solve problems. It also teaches them how to manage themselves. They develop interpersonal, communication and coping skills.

PCC has an Addiction Coordinator on staff who offers a variety of interventions, including substance abuse assessments, group programs, one-on-one interventions, and referrals to community-based addiction services for those who require or request follow-up treatment, counseling, and programming with community resources after release. Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held at the Provincial Correctional Centre on a regular basis; and, Provincial Addiction Services and PCC deliver a substance abuse educational program to those who are serving intermittent (weekend) sentences for impaired driving or other offences.

Inmates who have been prescribed methadone in the community will continue to have methadone administered at the Provincial Correctional Centre throughout their period of incarceration. For those

inmates interested in beginning methadone maintenance treatment (opioid replacement therapy) while in custody physicians may assess and order induction as appropriate.

The Division employs an Aboriginal Case Worker who provides intervention and supports to Aboriginal inmates with a focus on culturally responsive services. Services include providing support and one-to-one interventions, liaising with or making referrals to other services, and arranging culturally specific interventions in the areas of substance abuse and mental health. While at PCC inmates can meet with Elders to conduct smudging, spiritual ceremonies or for cultural counseling and support. Eligible inmates may also access the Sweat Lodge at the PEI Youth Centre.

PEI Family Violence Prevention Outreach Services Outreach Coordinators will also come to PCC as requested to provide confidential support services for women who have been victims of domestic abuse. The Coordinator provides one on one support, referral services, safety assessment and planning, and assistance in arranging emergency shelter for women and their children.



WRITTEN QUESTIONS FORM

2nd Session, 65th General Assembly

Legislative Assembly of PEI

Question number: 1412	Question date: May 12, 2017
Question asked by: James Aylward, MLA for Stratford-Kinlock	
Question asked of (<i>department</i>): Justice and Public Safety	
Question answered by (<i>Minister</i>): Hon. Wade MacLauchlan	Date received by Clerk's Office: JUL 24 2017 <small>Use Only</small>

QUESTION: Please table a summary of mental health supports provided to inmates of provincial correctional facilities for the 2015/16 fiscal year, broken down by:

- a) Number of clients served;
- b) Type of service provided;
- c) Age
- d) Gender

ANSWER:

Provided below is a summary of the number of admissions to adult custody for 2015-16 FY, presented by gender and average age. All offenders have access to all mental health and clinical services. They may self-refer or be referred by corrections or nursing staff. Offenders may access more than one mental health program or service.

Custody Admissions and Bed Days 2015-16 FY	
Total Men Admitted to Custody	558
Total Women Admitted to Custody	106
Total Admissions	664
Average number of bed days	
Men	51
Women	22
Age range at time of admission	18-90
Average age Men	35
Average age Women	37

Mental Health and Addiction Services Provided to Offenders in Custody 2015-16 FY	
Program/Service	Number of Offenders
Anger Management group	36
Individual Anger Management	20
Individual mental health counseling	82
Institutional adjustment	15
Suicide/self harm assessments	10
Aboriginal caseworker services	10
Group parenting program	75
Correctional Substance Abuse Program	44
Addiction Services Referral	36
Methadone Program Referral	32
Referral to Talbot /Lacey House	15
Addiction Services sessions	56
Integrated Correctional Program Model	12
TOTAL	<u>443</u>



WRITTEN QUESTIONS FORM

2nd Session, 65th General Assembly

Legislative Assembly of PEI

Question number: 1413	Question date: May 12, 2017
Question asked by: James Aylward, MLA for Stratford-Kinlock	
Question asked of (<i>department</i>): Justice and Public Safety	
Question answered by (<i>Minister</i>): Hon. Wade MacLauchlan	Date received by Clerk's Office: JUL 24 2017 <small>e Only</small>

QUESTION: Please table a summary of mental health supports provided to inmates of Provincial Correctional facilities for the 2016/17 fiscal year, broken down by:

- a) Number of clients served;
- b) Type of service provided;
- c) Age
- d) Gender

ANSWER:

Provided below is summary of the number of admissions to adult custody for 2016 -17 FY, presented by gender and average age. All offenders have access to all mental health and clinical services. They may self-refer or be referred by corrections or nursing staff. Offenders may access more than one mental health program or service.

Custody Admissions and Bed Days 2016-17 FY	
Total Men Admitted to Custody	577
Total Women Admitted to Custody	93
Total Admissions	670
Average number of bed days	
Men	46
Women	35
Age range at time of admission	
Average age Men	36
Average age Women	37

Mental Health and Addiction Services Provided to Offenders in Custody 2016-17 FY	
Program/Service	Number of Offenders
Anger Management group	34
Individual Anger Management	15
Individual mental health counseling	90
Institutional adjustment	18
Suicide/self harm assessments	18
Aboriginal caseworker services	9
Group parenting program	75
Correctional Substance Abuse Program	41
Addiction Services Referrals	27
Methadone Program Referrals	17
Referrals to Talbot /Lacey House	17
Addiction Services sessions	65
Integrated Correctional Program Model	10
TOTAL	<u>436</u>