

2015/16 ESTIMATES NOTE

Gangs in Correctional Centres

Suggested Response:

- BC Corrections puts a priority on maintaining a safe and secure environment and doesn't tolerate incidents of violence.
- To these ends, BC Corrections has specific policies in place to ensure gang affiliation is part of inmate assessment, tracking, classification and placement in its custody centres.
- Under adult custody policy, gang affiliation requires verification as part of case management and is fundamental to determining the level of security an inmate requires.
- Gang affiliation informs all security decisions relating to the inmate during their time in custody, including escorts, inmate movement throughout the centre and how they are assigned to living units.
- Any additional contact concerns with other inmates are also tracked and regularly updated by staff.
- BC Corrections has designated staff who work closely with law enforcement, allowing staff to make decisions based on the latest information and intelligence.
- All inmates are housed in appropriate living units based on their risk assessments, and careful assessment of inmates always precedes placing inmates on units.
- Together, security measures, building designs, information sharing and staffing models all help contribute to the safe management of inmates and the protection of staff.

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