

Information requests to the Department of Corrections from the CJPS Committee meeting on Long Creek Youth Development Center on Sept 24, 2021

1. Please provide information on the assessment tools and methodologies used at Long Creek. If different tools and methodologies are used for different purposes, please provide information on each purpose, tool and methodology. If any use is made of the specific charge on which a youth is held, please provide information on that use.

2. Please provide information on the assessment levels of youth at Long Creek, distinguishing youth in detained status and youth in committed status.

3. Please provide information on how many youth at Long Creek have been subjected to restraint in a prone position face down on the floor and for what periods of time in the past year.

4. Please provide information on the recidivism rates for persons who previously resided at Long Creek, distinguishing youth in detained status and youth in committed status, for the most recent 2 years that data is available.

5. Please provide information on actions/improvements taken by the Department of Corrections in response to the 2017 Long Creek Conditions Assessment report and recommendations. Please identify the specific recommendation relevant to each action/improvement.

6. Please provide information on whether the Department of Corrections has a policy or had a policy prior to 2017 prohibiting or discouraging a corrections officer from calling in a behavioral health clinician in the event of a situation in which tensions are rising significantly between a corrections officer and a youth or a crisis on a unit. What is the policy now? If there is currently a policy prohibiting or discouraging calling in a behavioral health clinician, please explain the reasons for the policy.

7. Commissioner Liberty agreed to have DOC post on its website a line item breakdown of the budget for Juvenile Justice including Long Creek Youth Development Center for 2021-2022.

Additional information requests from CJPS members

8. Please provide the staffing levels each month (how many and what their jobs were) for mental health clinicians working at Long Creek, whether employed by DOC or through its contract with Wellpath for the past two years. Please confirm that there have been no clinicians on DOC or Wellpath staff working hours at LCYDC for the past two months.

9. Please indicate whether an individual needs assessment will be conducted through the Regional Care Teams for each child currently incarcerated in LC?

10. You indicated that the survey and the Task Force will inform how the 6 million dollars is spent in the community. Please provide who drafted the survey and the definition of each of the options provided for funding and what the drafted meant by each of these options?

11. Please confirm the population at STEP in South Portland, for the past two years. How many girls, how many boys, resided there each month and how many children have been deemed inappropriate for STEP for the past two years, how many children exited STEP back to the community, how many children exited STEP back to LC?

12. You indicated that there is no SMU in Long Creek. Young people inside report that there are many children currently being held in 24 hour isolation, with 23 of those hours being in a cell and 1 hour being outside of a cell but away from all other children. Please confirm how many children, including length of stay, have been subjected to this form of DOC "care," whether you call it SMU or something different.

13. Have you talked with municipalities and the State, regarding publicly owned properties and land upon which smaller, more home-like facilities can be developed?