

Supervision of Young People in Custody

Essential Summary:

Audience

- Supervising Employees All Youth Justice NSW (YJNSW) employees, regardless of their position who will be, at some time, supervising and /or observing young people.
- Unit Supervisor refers to the person in charge of the unit at the time and includes the Unit Manager or Shift Supervisor.
- Assistant Manager (allocated)

When to use this procedure:

Use this procedure to understand employee roles and responsibilities for the supervision of young people at all times.

Young people must always be continually supervised, except for those times when local routines/processes specify room checks of no more than twenty-minute intervals are permitted.

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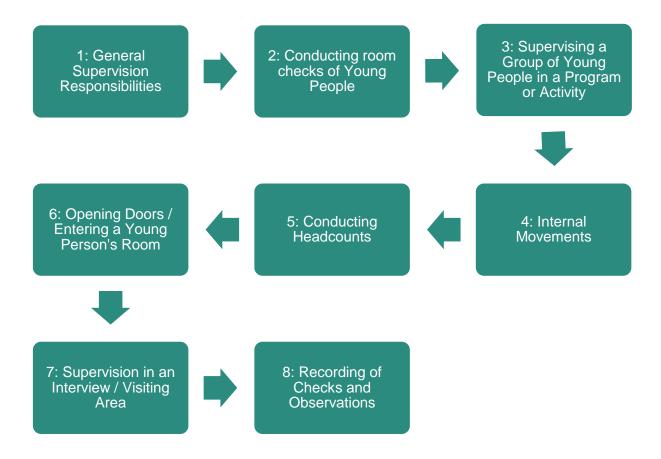
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1 Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to provide steps for maintaining safe and secure supervision of all young people within a YJNSW custodial facility.

2 Process Map



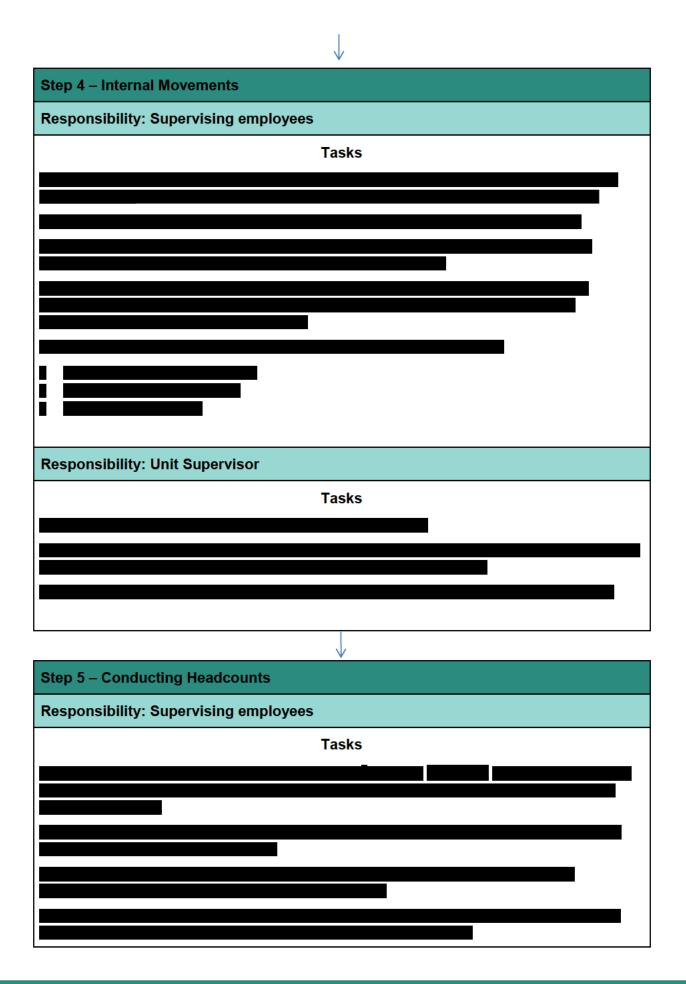
3 Procedural Steps

| Step 1 – Step 1 – General Supervision Responsibilities | |
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| Responsibility: All supervising employees | |
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| Responsibility: Unit Supervisor | |
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| Always follow the steps outlined in the above section. | |
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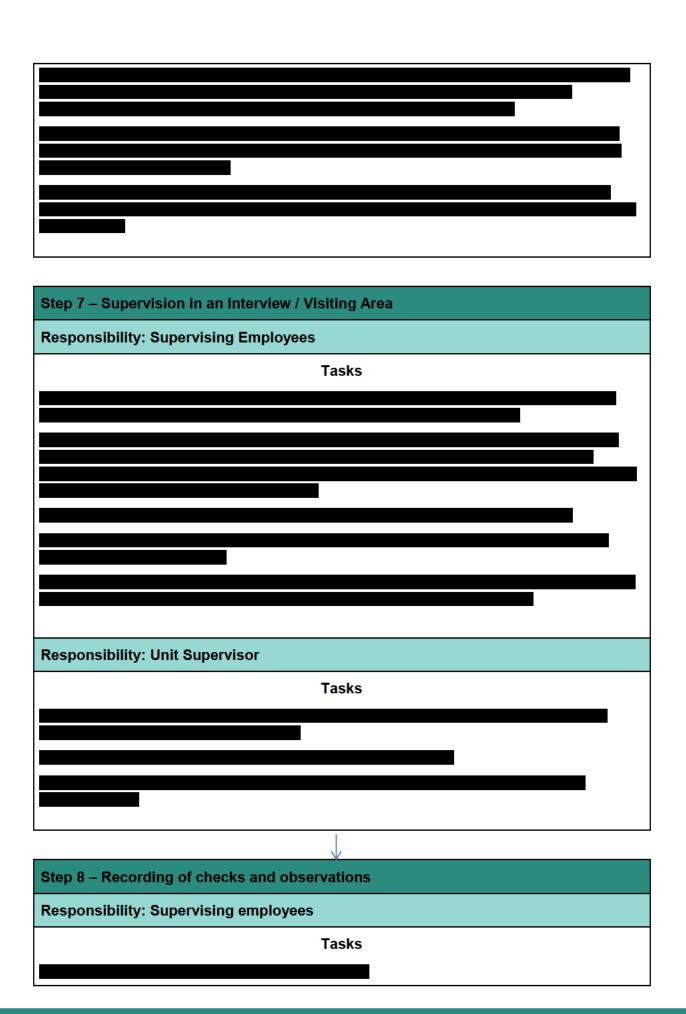
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| Responsibility: Assistant Manager (Allocated) | |
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| Step 2 – Conducting checks of young people | |
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| Responsibility: Supervising Employees | |
| Responsibility: Supervising Employees Tasks | |
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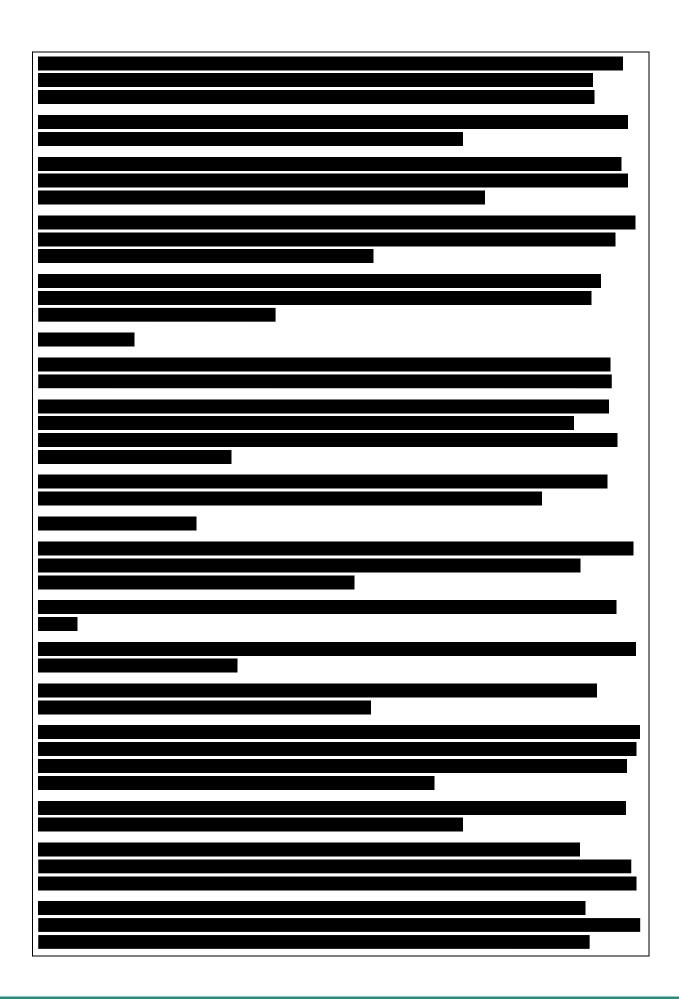
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| Step 3 – Supervising a group of young | people in a program or activity |
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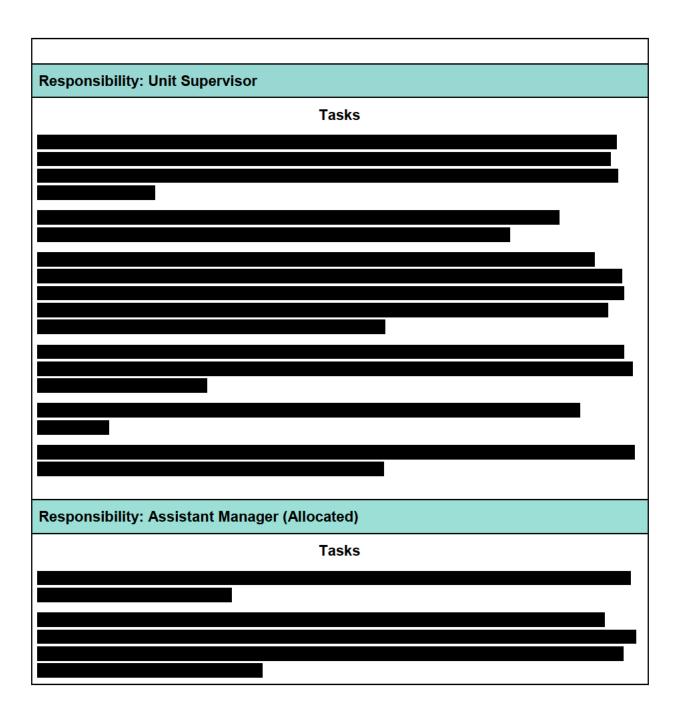
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| Step 6 – Opening doors / entering a young person's room |
| Responsibility: Supervising Employees |
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| Responsibility: Unit Supervisor |
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4 Supporting documents:

This procedure is supported by the following documents:

4.1 Legislation

- Children (Detention Centres) Act 1987
- Children (Detention Centres) Regulation 2015

4.2 Policies

- Supervision of Young People Policy
- Misbehaviour Policy
- Incident Management Policy Reporting Debrief and Review
- Self-harm and Suicide Prevention Policy.

4.3 Procedures

- Misbehaviour Procedure
- Segregation Procedure
- Separation Procedure
- Provision of Non-Fixed Items in Confinement or Segregation Procedure
- Risk Assessment Procedure
- Visit by Legal Representatives Procedure
- Closed Circuit Television and Radio Communication Procedure
- Perimeter Security Procedure
- Searching Accommodation Rooms, Units and Other Areas Procedure
- Attempted Escape Procedure
- Self-Harm and Suicide Prevention Procedure



5 Document Information

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6 Document History

| Version | Date | Reason for Amendment |
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| 0.7 | 2020 | Supervision of Young People Procedure review scheduled as part of the LS9 & LS10 Policy on Detainee Supervision Project 2020, YJNSW Custodial System Reform Program of Works. The procedure has also been transferred into new TOM template. |
| 0.6 | February 2019 | Changes made on advice from the Office of General Counsel. To bring JJNSW operational procedure and policy 'delegations' and 'authorisations' in line with legislative requirements of the Children (Detention Centres) Act 1987 and Children (Detention Centres) Regs 2015 |
| 0.5 | 4th July 2013 | Electronic verification system may be used for all room checks. Minimum requirement for in person checks 20 minutes. Room checks may be recorded electronically, however all interactions must be recorded in writing. |
| 0.4 | 16th February 2013 | Combined existing Detainee Supervision and Room Checks Procedures. New combined procedure provides direction on supervision within a detention centre, including head counts, room checks and directions for opening doors to enter a young person rooms, and the direction that the electronic verification system must not be used when young people are in own room for segregation, confinement, personal time or individual separation or when supervisor directs to use record of checks book. |
| 0.3 | 18th July 2011 | Updated procedure to include directions on the Electronic Attendance Verification System 'tour attendance system' for room checks and reviewed/upgraded procedure in line with current standards and legislation. |
| 0.2 | 11th August 2010 | Updated procedural steps to current format-updated related resources. |
| 0.1 | 1st September 2009 | All Juvenile Justice Centre Procedures have been changed to reflect the staffing restructure within Juvenile Justice Centres (i.e. position of Unit Coordinator has been deleted and replaced with Shift Supervisor or Assistant Unit Manager). |