



## Provincial Auditor's 2022 Report—Volume 2: Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Must Consistently Follow its Administrative Segregation Policy

Appropriate correctional centre staff do not always authorize administrative segregation placement decisions or properly complete inmate daily reviews and healthcare assessments as required

REGINA—December 6, 2022: In her 2022 Report – Volume 2, Chapter 8, Provincial Auditor Tara Clemett examined the Ministry of Corrections, Policing, and Public Safety's processes to administratively segregate inmates in its adult secure-custody correctional centres. She made seven recommendations.

The Ministry placed 49 inmates on administrative segregation in 2021, with over half due to violent or aggressive behaviour.

Good practice expects inmates to be on administrative segregation no longer than 15 consecutive days. In 2021, the Ministry had 13 inmates segregated for over 15 days; one placement for 43 days straight.

Effective processes to administratively segregate inmates contribute to the safety and well-being of inmates and staff. Although the Ministry's Administrative Segregation Policy aligns with good practice, inconsistencies in following its guidance can cause unnecessary and prolonged segregation that may negatively affect segregated inmates' health and well-being.

The Ministry needs to:

- Have appropriate staff authorize administrative segregation placement decisions, and have inmate appeals reviewed by independent adjudicators
- Formally communicate the decision of administrative segregation to inmates
- Broaden its quality assurance reviews to assess compliance with all key policies, including appropriately documenting daily reviews (i.e., daily meetings with segregated inmates) and adequately completing healthcare assessments
- Develop an ongoing training plan for correctional centre staff involved in administrative segregation
- Enhance written reports to senior management and the public about the use of administrative segregation

- Healthcare assessments not completed as required, or completed late.
- Minimum two hours out of cell leisure time per day expected—unable to confirm as daily reviews not documented. One inmate spent 24 days on administrative segregations with only eight daily reviews documented.
- Five out of 20 placements approved by correctional officers rather than correctional centre managers.

"Regular refresher training on administrative segregation processes and enhanced quality assurance evaluations will increase the likelihood correctional centre staff consistently follow administrative segregation policy requirements such as daily inmate meetings and healthcare assessments," said Tara Clemett. "This ensures inmates are treated equitably in line with good practice or adjustments to conditions are made timely."

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