



New services to support 2021 Youth Justice Act amendments

Recent amendments made by the *Youth Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2021* are intended to:

- increase the accountability of serious repeat youth offenders
- provide greater reassurance of community safety.

The amendments operate alongside over \$98 million investment in new or enhanced services in the community for this challenging group of young people, their families and carers.

These services ensure that the necessary holistic support is delivered to better address the causes of young people's offending and improve their bail compliance.

Queensland Police Service and Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs staff provide high levels of monitoring and supervision for serious, repeat offenders, including on weekends and after hours with:

- 24/7 co-responder teams
- conditional bail program youth workers.

After-hours services are delivered by non-government organisations (NGOs) to help families of young offenders.

New services

New funding of \$38.3 million is delivering more resources to frontline workers for intensive monitoring of serious recidivist young people, including young people subject to electronic monitoring as a condition of bail. It also provides intensive support for their families. New services include:

- staffing and equipment to deliver the electronic monitoring trial in Townsville,

Moreton, north Brisbane, Logan and Gold Coast.

- an expansion of joint Police and Youth Justice co-responder teams to north Brisbane and the Gold Coast, so that all electronic monitoring trial sites will have an operational co-responder team
- enhanced intensive supervision of young people on bail with the conditional bail program, including weekend and after-hours supervision
- intensive support for families of children on bail provided by NGOs
- extra court and legal advocacy services.

Continuing successful services

\$60.1 million is being invested over four years to continue existing programs and services under the Youth Justice Strategy 2019-23 and the Five Point Plan announced in March 2020 that are achieving positive results, including:

- integrated case management
- family-led decision making
- risk and dynamic assessment register
- Mt Isa youth transitional hub
- Navigate your health
- Indigenous youth and family workers
- co-responder teams
- Community crime action committees
- conditional bail program
- legal advocacy and bail support

Reviewing the new services

Mr Bob Atkinson will independently report to the Government in late 2021 about how the reforms have worked, including the electronic monitoring trial.