

Corrections Update

Changing the way we do business

A Busy Year on Deloitte

December 18, 2009, marked one year since government accepted, in principle, all 51 recommendations from Deloitte, as part of a comprehensive review of the policies and procedures of provincial correctional facilities in Nova Scotia. During the past year, staff at every level of Department of Justice have rolled up their sleeves and got to work on making Nova Scotia's justice system better. Thank you.

32 recommendations are now complete:

- Policy development for outside escorts, restraint equipment, auditing techniques, and JEIN overrides.
- Analysis of all JEIN related functions, specifically with admission and discharge.
- Staff training in use of force, outside escorts, and sentence calculation. Coordination of training schedules and use of Learnet for tracking.
- New sentence calculation manual.
- Role clarity of correctional workers, sergeants, captains, and classification officers.

- Strengthened absenteeism.
- Forecasting future admissions volume, with plans for a new facility.
- Improved communications among all Department of Justice divisions.
- Replacement of deficient radios.
- Staffing review for all five adult correctional facilities.

13 recommendations underway:

- Development of criteria for elective medical procedures for offenders
- Admission and discharge redesign implementation.
- Joint policies with Court Services.
- Learning needs analysis, training targets, and performance evaluation tool development.
- Modification to JEIN for sentence calculation, improved court lists, and in-house offender tracking.