

14th May 2018

Mr Doug Greaves
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Dear Doug

Commission response requested

1. notification of police the substances the subject of IRM 92724 and 92786 (the Substances) had been found, and reporting of that fact in compliance with Clause 2.5.

At this stage, no evidence can be located in reports or indicated in the IRM

2. a record of any unwillingness or refusal by police to take the Substances or deal with the matter, in accordance with Clause 2.7.

Prior to 2014 Police stopped taking drug exhibits for destruction as part of their procedures. They would only take drugs for evidentiary purposes. This was a state wide issue.

There may have been email authority - we do not have access to those records to verify this comment.

3. a copy of any written delegated authority given by the General Manager, Lithgow Correctional Centre, in accordance with Clause 2.8 and in force in February 2014. ,

There is no evidence of a written authority in the records we are able to access and have provided.

4. Any order made by the General Manager (or delegate) for the confiscation of the Substances.

There is no evidence of a written authority in the records we are able to access and have provided.

5. any records of the arrangement for destruction of the Substances made by John O'Shea and a copy of the relevant entries in the Officer's journals and the IRM event log.

Current management at Lithgow Correctional Centre have provided all Officers Journals available, but could not locate any written instruction from Mr John O'Shea

Prior to 2014 the NSW Police had stopped collecting drugs for disposal state wide. John O'Shea may have sent an email authority of which we do not have access to. We have no records of the arrangement for destruction of the substances made by John O'Shea

Yours sincerely

Mr Mick Dudley
Governor
Lithgow Correctional Centre