

# 2022 Review of the annual report and other matters of the Office of the Advocate for Children and Young People

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## Questions Taken on Notice

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### Statistics Relating to Young People Exiting Youth Justice

The Advocate does not have any data around those exiting justice and returning to their families.

Youth Justice NSW currently collects data relating to young people exiting justice and returning to safe and stable accommodation; those exiting justice and participating in education, training and employment; and those exiting justice and participating in community activities.

Those statistics can be found here: [https://www.youthjustice.dcj.nsw.gov.au/Pages/youth-justice/about/statistics\\_profile.aspx](https://www.youthjustice.dcj.nsw.gov.au/Pages/youth-justice/about/statistics_profile.aspx)

Youth Justice NSW does not currently collect data on those exiting justice and returning to live with family.

### LGBTQIA+ Outcomes

As part of the development of the *NSW Strategic Plan for Children and Young People 2022-2024*, the Advocate commissioned Newgate Research to undertake quantitative polling focusing on the six commitment areas of the Strategic Plan - Hope for the Future; Love, Connection and Safety; Health and Wellbeing; Environments for Joy and Fun; Respect and Acceptance; A Good Standard of Living,

Broadly speaking, across each of these six commitment areas, those that self-identified as LGBTQIA+ reported lower ratings.

The findings relating to those who identify as LGBTQIA+ can be found within the *NSW Strategic Plan for Children and Young People 2022-2024*.

A copy of the full research report has been provided to the Committee.

The Advocate intends to use the findings of this research as a baseline and undertake the same tracking annually as part of the Strategic Plan's evaluation.

### OOHC Video

The Advocate recently received a video from Shannon Kendrick, Founder of Caring with Carers, exploring the experience of some of their clients.

Caring with Carers operates in NSW and the ACT to work with organisations to undertake Therapeutic Life Story Work, as well as certified and professional assessments in the Out of Home Care sector.

Due to the sensitivity of this video, it has been shared in confidence with the Committee.

Many of the themes present in the video, have also arisen in the OOHC Consultation Project the Advocate and the ACYP team has recently completed.

The report for this is due to be released shortly.

A copy will be provided to the Committee and will be available on the ACYP Website.