



**Coalition for
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Time to Care

Report prepared by Deloitte – “Costs of
Out-Of Home-Care in NSW”

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Purpose

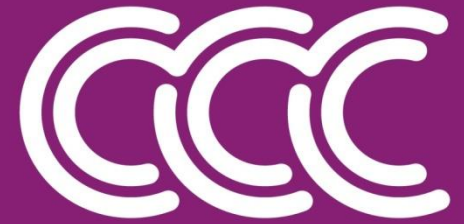


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- Escalate costs from 2008/2009 costing manual to 2010/11
- Apply casework costs to range of caseloads
- Analyze reported data from four NGO service providers
- Benchmark caseload and placement stability data

Current Situation



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- Report notes BCG number of 15,211 children and young people in out of home care
- Actual number at 31 March 2010 provided by Community Services is 17,385
- NGO data relates to foster care and does not include any kin care placements
- NGO sector provides 36% of all foster care placements and all high and complex needs care.

Cost of a caseworker



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- The organisational cost of providing one full time equivalent case worker, tasks include
 - Case management
 - Placement planning and management
 - Carer recruitment, assessment and training
 - Carer support and management
 - Leaving care support
 - Client support services

Cost of Out of Home Care caseworker



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	DoCS NGO	Agency 1	Agency 2	Agency 3	Agency 4
Total loaded costs	163,481	152,227	157,254	156,363	141,221
Cost per direct clients hour	\$126.00	\$124.00	\$114.00	\$120.00	\$94.00
Total effective hours	1,297	1,227	1,379	1,303	1,502
Case load	12	12	6.6	7.2	8.8
Stability		97.1%	98.3%	100%	100%

Caseload mix as per funding agreements



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	Agency 1	Agency 2	Agency 3	Agency 4
Care	70%	35%	70%	70%
Care +1	20%	42%	20%	20%
Care + 2	10%	13%	10%	10%
Intensive	-	10%		

Costs including Care Allowances



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- Caseworker cost per case
- Annual Carer allowance
- Contingency costs

ANNUALISED CARE ALLOWANCES



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	Age 0-4	Age 5 - 13	Age 14 – 18
Care	10,478	11,752	15,782
Care + 1	15,678	17,654	23,660
Care + 2	20,784	23,270	31,252

Published departmental care allowances for year ending 30 June 2009

AVERAGE CONTINGENCY COSTS



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	Agency 1	Agency 2	Agency 3	Agency 4
Care		\$3,230		
Care + 1		\$6,995		
Care + 2		\$11,465		
Average		\$6,691		

Information provided by individual agencies

CORRECTED COSTS INCLUDING CARE ALLOWANCES FOR AGENCY 2



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	Cost per case	Allowance for 12 year old	Contingency	Total estimated costs	As per Deloitte report
Care	\$23,826	\$11,572	\$3,230	\$38,628	\$42,941
Care + 1	\$23,826	\$17,654	\$6,995	\$48,475	\$48,661
Care + 2	\$23,826	\$23,270	\$11,465	\$58,561	\$54,901

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Further Work



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- Cost of stability
- Cost savings of high stability
- Case load and case mix
- Suggest a unit cost for each care level
- Distribution of Deloitte report to NGO Sector and website www.timetocare.org.au
- Treasury