

Funded Partnership Initiative

Volunteer Mentoring Service – VMS

The Volunteer Mentoring Service (VMS) offers an external leave pathway to assist an inmate's reintegration through a pro-social support model. VMS will provide:

- Pre-release support to improve eligibility for parole by completing the pre-release external leave requirement
- Post release support to address transitional needs and establish community support networks
- The service provider will work in collaboration with CSNSW to link support directly to the inmate's case plan to reduce the risk of reoffending
- Support can be provided up to 12 months before earliest release date from custody.

Where is VMS Available?

Provider	Catchment Area
Australian Red Cross	Dillwynia CC
	OMMPCC

What are the eligibility criteria?

- ✓ Limited / no family or community support to sponsor external leave
- ✓ Has served a longer sentence (5+ years) or has cycled in and out of custody
- ✓ Has appropriate classification for pre-release external leave (C3 male; Cat 1 female)
- ✓ In the community on parole or an Extended Supervision Order

Are there exclusionary criteria?

No. There are no exclusions for risk (LSI-R) level, complexity of need or offence type.

How can I refer an inmate to this service?

- ✓ Speak to the Functional Manager* at the Correctional Centre
- ✓ Complete the VMS referral form (available on the [PACE Intranet page](#))
- ✓ Contact the VMS Coordinator.

* The Functional Manager will be the key referrer. However if you have identified an inmate who might be suited to VMS, you can speak to the Functional Manager to progress a referral.

Who is the VMS Coordinator?

The VMS Coordinator is the person who processes and manages referrals and can also assist with any questions.

For more information you can visit the Partnership and Community Engagement Unit (PACE) intranet page: [PACE Intranet](#)