

Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford
Ministry of Justice (Corrections and Policing) – Media Backgrounder

- The Government is proceeding with the construction of a new integrated mental health and corrections complex that will replace the Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford (SHNB).
- The new integrated facility will be built with a vision to provide important support for offenders living with mental health issues. Ongoing correctional programming will also be provided that will help reduce crime and contribute to public safety.
- The 96-room adult correctional facility will be for male and female offenders. Based on an internal review of offender populations, the following ratio of male to female offenders within the new complex is being proposed:
 - 64 cells for men
 - 16 cells for women
 - 8 medical cells
 - 8 special purpose (segregation) cells
- The North Battleford Youth Centre and the Battleford Community Corrections Centre will be closed. However, the date of the closures has not yet been determined. Drumming Hill Youth Centre will continue to operate.
- The final report from the facility study will be completed by Spring 2014 and it will be reviewed prior to making any decisions regarding the movement of offenders and any infrastructure changes that will be required.
- Once the closure dates are confirmed, Corrections and Policing and the Public Service Commission will work closely with staff and the Saskatchewan Government and General Employees Union to consider all possible options under the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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