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Youth detention expert to visit Darwin 12-16 November 2018

Next week Mr David McGuire will be visiting Darwin and will be available for interviews regarding innovative approaches to youth detention. Mr McGuire is the CEO of Fundación Diagrama (Diagrama) which operates youth detention facilities in Spain and the U.K. under a therapeutic model.

The Diagrama model has been implemented across Spain, France and the U.K. and is achieving excellent results for the young people and for the community as a whole, with recidivism rates among young people who have participated significantly lower than the rates in Spain under previous models. Across all the Diagrama centres in Spain, the recidivism rate is around 20% after three years and among the centres that cater for lower level offending it is around 10%. Based on data from the AIHW (2017), recidivism rates were estimated to be 75% for youths who are sentenced to detention in the NT, meaning the vast majority of youths will return to detention in the following year. (Deloitte Access Economics, 2017 p.62)

Danila Dilba CEO Olga Havnen visited some of the Diagrama centers' in Spain when she was on holiday in July, and was very impressed by what she saw. The Diagrama model has considerable relevance for the NT, and meetings have been arranged for him with key NT Ministers, and stakeholders from NGOs and youth justice service providers in the NT

Here's a link to a BBC documentary about the facilities which highlights the effectiveness of the approach

<http://www.diagramafoundation.org.uk/bbc-visits-diagramas-custodial-centres-spain>

David is here from Monday 12 November to Friday 16 November.

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Deloitte Access Economics, 2017 "Northern Territory youth justice models Fixing a broken system" Cost Benefit analysis report to the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory
<https://childdetentionnt.royalcommission.gov.au/Documents/Youth-Justice-Models.pdf>