



# Statement

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## All inmates at the Baffin Correctional Centre receive medical care

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The Department of Justice today released the following statement:

The Department of Justice (DOJ) cannot comment on the private medical care or treatment of any specific inmate.

All inmates at the Baffin Correction Centre (BCC) receive necessary medical treatment and no inmate has been denied such care.

Necessary medical treatment is never denied to an inmate based on residency or the ability to pay.

Healthcare and treatment decisions for inmates are made by nurses at BCC and medical staff at the Qikiqtani General Hospital. Inmate healthcare and treatment decisions are not made by corrections administrators.

Inmates are placed in protective custody based on their charges and for their own safety and protection. Inmates in protective custody are kept in the least restrictive environment possible. They have access to the classroom and other recreational activities. An inmate in “solitary confinement” would not have these privileges.

The health and safety of inmates is a priority of DOJ and Nunavut Corrections.

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