

# Darlington House

1983 –

**Other Names:** • Darlington Hostel

## Details

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Darlington House continued the group home known as Darlington Cottage (1977-1983), a government-run residential group home for boys released from Hillston. In 1994, it housed children aged 8-12 years for periods from two weeks to one year. In 2014, it remained open as a residential group home.

After Hillston closed in 1983, Darlington House became one of a group of government-run 'community support hostels'. Government reports (*Signposts* 2004, pp.183-185) describe Darlington's function at that time as 'providing skilled care' for children who authorities believed would not settle well into an emergency foster placement. Reports from that period indicate that many of the children admitted to Darlington Cottage may have faced significant and complex challenges in their life and needed 'behavioural stabilisation and training' to assist children with social relationships and subsequent placements.

By 1987, up to 8 children and young people aged 6-17 years could be admitted to Darlington Hostel, as it was then known. Children who were on arrest or remand could also be placed there.

In 1994, Darlington was able to provide support and accommodation for children aged 8-12 years, for periods from two weeks to 12 months.

In 2018, a married couple who worked at Doubleview Group Home and Darlington Hostel were charged with historical child sexual assault offences, dating back to the 1990s. The pair suicided before they faced trial (Pilat, 2018 & 2019).

Darlington, known as 'Darlington House', remained open in 2014.

## More info

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### Chronology

- Darlington Cottage (1974 - 1977)
  - Darlington Cottage (1977 - 1983)
- **Darlington House (1983 – )**

### Related Entries

**Run by**

- [Department for Child Protection, State of Western Australia \(1 July 2007 - 16 May 2013\)](#)  
Date: 2007 - 2013
  - [Department for Community Development, State of Western Australia \(1 October 1992 - 1 July 1995\)](#)  
Date: 1993 - 1995
  - [Department for Family and Children's Services, State of Western Australia \(1 July 1995 - 1 July 2001\)](#)  
Date: 1995 - 2001
  - [Department for Community Development, State of Western Australia \(1 July 2001 - 30 June 2007\)](#)  
Date: 2001 - 2007
  - [Department for Child Protection and Family Support, State of Western Australia \(27 May 2013 - July 2017\)](#)  
Date: 2013 -
  - [Child Protection and Family Support, State of Western Australia \(July 2017 - current\)](#)
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