What happens to forensic patients?

7.18 Data is limited regarding the outcomes for people found UNA or NGMI, having passed through the court processes.

7.19 Figure 7.3 outlines the number of people that are detained or conditionally released following a finding of NGMI, and the number detained following a finding of UNA. (Note that the court only received the power to conditionally release people found NGMI in 2003).

7.20 At present, approximately 10% of forensic patients found UNA or NGMI are detained in correctional centres (12%, including Long Bay Prison Hospital). The significant majority of forensic patients found UNA or NGMI are detained in mental health facilities (63%) or conditionally released in the community (25%). This is illustrated in Table 7.4. A range of issues arise in relation to detention of people with cognitive impairment. These are addressed in Chapter 10.