

# National Prisoner Healthcare Network

Welcome to the October edition of the prisoner healthcare network Flash Report which is intended to ensure that all involved and interested in prisoner healthcare are kept up to date with recent information and activity. The report will be distributed on a quarterly basis.

## National Workstream Programme Aim

The National Prisoner Healthcare Network has a strategic and national coordinating role to support the delivery of high quality, safe, effective and consistent services to prisoners in a national Scottish Prison Service.

### ***National Prisoner Healthcare Network Stakeholder Event, 27 August 2014***

National Prisoner Healthcare Network hosted a stakeholder event at the Beardmore Conference Centre on 27 August 2014 to consider the structure and objectives for the Network going forward. The purpose being that a focus on change to the Network after the first two years had concluded successfully and the need to embrace fully the health inequalities agenda of Scottish Government under the umbrella of both the Ministries of Health and Justice.

This event was well attended and was an opportunity for all interested parties to discuss and agree a way forward that will enable the Network to maximise its own effectiveness and its impact on the stated aim to reduce offending and reoffending in Scotland.

The event was also an opportunity to celebrate the success of the Network over the first two years of its existence and to thank those involved for their contribution to its success. The event was the first joint event that included the Forensic Network and the Police Custody Network in unison with the National Prisoner Healthcare Network providing a joint perspective on how best and how effectively these Networks could work together.

The Outcome of the event is described in the section below, National Prisoner Healthcare Network.

### ***National Prisoner Healthcare Network***

A new model for the National Prisoner Healthcare Network was proposed at the stakeholder event. As a result an Advisory Board has been created which will have a strategic focus and will be supported by a number of standing operational groups and workstreams.

The Advisory Board meets for the first time on 30 October and has a reduced membership to that of the previous network arrangement. The aim of creating this structure is to both streamline and maximise the effectiveness of the Network. In addition to the Advisory Board existing and new workstreams and an operational NHS Leads group are expected to inform and take forward the agenda set by the Advisory Board.

It is anticipated that the wider contribution, through workstreams and operational groups, will be a vital component in the success of the collective aim to provide healthcare to prisoners that is equivalent to those in the community and that by so doing actively support reduction in offending and reoffending.

### ***SPS Strategy***

The SPS has published the outcome of an organisational review that commenced having recognised the need for culture change across the organisation.

Within the stated aims of the review are a commitment to reducing reoffending and to building partnerships and plans that deliver agreed outcomes.

This is a radical review that looks at fundamental aspects of the way in which they deliver their core business and talks of changing their game and rethinking their arena of activity, changing their rules by changing their ethos and their culture and changing their play by improving their leadership.

An entire section, Section 7 is devoted to how they will engage with partners more effectively to achieve mutual aims.

The organisational review can be sourced on the SPS website: <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/14936cfb40b012c1?projector=1>

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Workstream	Progress Update (May 2014)
Throughcare	The group are looking at a number of aspects of throughcare and intend to develop a throughcare map in conjunction with other work currently being developed in a joint initiative supported by Scottish Government, Strathclyde University and the Institute for Research and Innovation in Social Sciences (IRISS).
Substance Misuse	Currently collating and analysing information on substance misuse services, with the aim of mapping service provision across the 9 NHS Boards to identify gaps and facilitate planning of consistent service delivery. A national workshop on Substance Misuse and Prison Health was delivered in June 2014. Working on smoking cessation services to prisoners.
Mental Health	After the successful completion of the first phase of work related to Mental Health a new workstream has been established to focus on the development of an implementation plan for use by NHS Boards. This will ensure the recommendations made by the initial workstream on Mental Health can be enacted.
Prison Pharmacy Group	The contract for providing pharmacy goods to those in prison and custody has been retendered. The contract has been awarded to Lloyds Pharmacy and will run from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2018, with the possibility of a further 1 year extension. Lloyds Pharmacy are the current service provider.
Health Care Managers Forum	This continues to offer valuable support to the Network and there is an acknowledged desire for it to continue. Hosting of the meetings rotates between Boards with the host Board using the meetings as an opportunity to showcase best practice within their services.
Vision Scoping Group	Mapping of the methods by which prisoner healthcare data is recorded, accessed and transferred has been undertaken.
Expert Advisory Group for Medicines	The group recently issued guidance to NHS Boards relating to prescribing for back pain, neuropathic pain, along with guidance on consistent monitoring processes to accompany the prescribing of antipsychotics and Lithium. Further advice has been provided regarding to the prescribing of suboxone, processes to be followed when discontinuing prisoners' medications along with provision of opiate replacement therapies for those attending courts.
Female Offender (Health) Group	The inaugural meeting was held 10 September.. Two sub-streams of work were identified: a clinical pathway/model for the 3 new prison based services in 3 regional Units and the national prison at Inverclyde; and a community based stream.

## 5 Nation Health and Justice Collaboration and WHO HIPP Conference

This reformed group of prison healthcare experts from the 5 nations of the UK and Ireland had a meeting held in Dublin on 1 October followed by a two day conference of the European WHO HIPP. The meeting was adjoined with a conference hosted by the European WHO Health in Prisons Project (HIPP) where a list of delegates from across Europe discussed the challenges and developments within prisoner healthcare.

Representatives from Scotland spoke of developments within the country in prisoner healthcare and heard from the other nations of work they are currently developing. This rich exchange of information and ideas will be of significant benefit to the Network and our stakeholders going forward.

Scotland has been asked to host the next meeting of the 5 Nations Health and Justice Collaboration in January 2015.

The most significant discussion topic of the conference was the creation and use of Red Cross Volunteer inmates who are now in place in all establishments in Ireland. Powerful presentations were given by prisoners to the conference to demonstrate the work they had been trained to undertake with fellow prisoners. Evidence was presented of the impact of this peer education system and on offending behaviour. Delegates were also invited to visit Midlands prison to speak with prisoners engaged in the volunteer scheme.

Delegates were advised of the recently published document "Preventing overdose deaths in the criminal- justice system" a link for which has been provided:

[http://www.euro.who.int/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0020/114914/Preventing-overdose-deaths-in-the-criminal-justice-system.pdf](http://www.euro.who.int/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/114914/Preventing-overdose-deaths-in-the-criminal-justice-system.pdf)

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Establishment	Date of Inspection	Type of Inspection
HM Prison Greenock	19 – 27 May	Full inspection
HM Prison Kilmarnock	14 – 22 July	Follow up inspection
HM Prison Shotts	29 – 3 October	Follow up inspection
HM Prison Perth	1 – 12 December	Full inspection
HM Prison Glenochil	16 – 24 March 2014	Full inspection
Thematic	Early 2015	-
Unannounced inspection	February 2015	-

## HMCIP

The inspectorate process for 2014 /2015 has commenced and reports disseminated to the establishments inspected. Further information on common themes identified will be forthcoming.

The Proposed inspection programme for reporting period April 2014-March 2015 is in the table opposite.

The healthcare input to the HMCIP inspection process in Scotland will continue to be provided through Healthcare Improvement Scotland.

HMCIP David Strang will attend the Advisory Board on 30 October to advise on current matters including review of standards.



If you have any comments on matters included within the report or suggestions for the future, please contact John Porter – [john.porter1@nhs.net](mailto:john.porter1@nhs.net)