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HMP Perth

Name of project / initiative

Persons of Concern Review Group

Overview

The Person of Concern Review Group is a multi-disciplinary group at HMP Perth, made up of SPS, NHS, Social Work and Chaplaincy. The group meet via Teams daily, together with the wing managers of the prisoners concerned, to consider any resident in crisis over the last 24hrs, agree what services the individual requires, and ensure that they are immediately directed to them.

Referrals can be made by anyone (including other prisoners) and there were more than 1000 referrals made in total in 2021-22. The speed to response for those in crisis is exceptional, with every organisation and every team member stepping up to ensure that the individuals needs are met.

Engagement among the team itself and staff across the establishment is also excellent.

Longevity

The Person of Concern Review Group has been in operation since April 2021.

Benefits

The impact of the group is significant and the benefit to the resident in crisis is exceptional. It puts "care" at the heart of everything we do and the support offered is "person centred" and directed at the individual, according to their personal needs, and in a timely fashion.

Uniqueness

Perth was the prison in Scotland to introduce a group of this sort – but it is now being considered elsewhere within SPS.

Applicability

This model of care could be rolled out across the wider prison estate. We have received significant interest from a number of prisons across Scotland.

Requirements

There are no particular requirements for this model of care to be implemented, other than senior management commitment to it and multi-disciplinary support.

For more information:

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See also: [KnowX.uk/Perth-RMT22.pdf](https://knowx.uk/Perth-RMT22.pdf) [More details]

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