

Prisons Health and Social Oversight Group Meeting Minutes

20th October 2021

11:00am – 13:00pm

Via Microsoft Teams

Attendance:

- Chris Jennings, HMPPS (Chair)
- Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Christopher Gittins, WG
- Michael Curties, WG
- Beverley Morgan, WG
- Laura Lewis, WG
- David Clayton, WG
- Lara Bradfield, WG
- Sian Hibbs, HMPPS
- Amanda Corrigan, HMPPS
- Stephanie Perrett, PHW
- Julie Denley, PHW
- Dr Bethan Roberts, GPC UK/Wales
- Kate Edmunds, WG

Apologies

- Tracey Breheny, WG (Co-Chair)
- Angharad Coombes, HMPPS
- Rhian Hills, WG

Item No.	Item	Lead
1.	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies	Chris Jennings, HMPPS
2.	Update from the Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing The Minister gave an overview of their portfolio and the importance of partnership working to improve offender health. The update included key achievements during the Covid-19 pandemic and the work undertaken as part of	Deputy Minister

	<p>the Partnership Agreement. Reference was made to the recent offender health inquiry completed by the Committee for Health, Social Care and Sport, and how this will shape future work on offender health.</p>	
3.	<p>Working through Covid-19</p> <p>An update was given on how the prisons in Wales responded to Covid, how risk has been balanced and how regimes are being eased where appropriate.</p> <p>The Minister thanked everyone involved for their work during this difficult period.</p> <p>Dr Bethan Roberts gave an overview of the front-line experience of health professionals working in prisons during Covid.</p>	<p>Chris Jennings, HMPPS</p>
4.	<p>Ways of Working / Structures & Groups</p> <p>The multiple levels of partnerships and interdependencies in offender health care were explained, including how HMPPS, Local Health Boards, Public Health Wales and Welsh Government have worked together throughout the pandemic.</p>	<p>Chris Jennings, HMPPS</p>
5.	<p>Four Workstreams Update</p> <p>Updates were given on each of the priority workstreams under the Partnership Agreement for Offender Health; Medicines Management, Substance Misuse, Mental Health and Prison Environment.</p> <p>ACTION: Workstream leads to present outcome timelines at the next meeting.</p> <p>ACTION: Initial findings of the Medicines Management workstream to be shared with health teams when ready.</p> <p>ACTION: Transitions into the community to be considered as part of the Medicines Management workstream.</p>	<p>Chris Gittins, WG</p> <p>Beverley Morgan, WG</p> <p>Laura Lewis, WG</p>

6.	<p>Update on Parc Prison</p> <p>An update was given on the competition process for the next operator at HMP and YOI Parc.</p> <p>ACTION: The work undertaken to create health service specifications for HMP and YOI Parc will be used to inform health assurance documents for Welsh prisons.</p>	Sian Hibbs, HMPPS
7.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>It was noted that the minutes of this meeting will now be available on the Gov.Wales website, following a Committee recommendation.</p>	Chris Jennings, HMPPS