

## Improving Health Within Criminal Justice

**A plan to make sure people who are involved with the police, courts or prisons are healthy and safe**



**Please tell us what you think of our plan.  
It is not final yet**



## Who we are

We are part of the government in Northern Ireland.



## What this plan is about

This plan is about people who are involved with the police, courts or prisons.

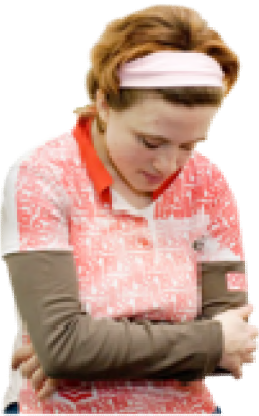


People may be involved with the police, courts or prisons if:

- the police or courts think they may have committed a crime
- a court finds them guilty of a crime and they have to go to prison or do something else that the court says instead
- they leave prison and move back to the community



Some of these people do not get all the care and support they need.



For example, if they have:

- a mental health condition.  
This is when people may feel upset, scared or worried a lot
- a drug or alcohol problem
- a learning disability
- other things they need support with



This plan is about making sure all these people are healthy and safe.



This means children and young people too.

The right care and support can help stop people doing crimes again.



This plan is **not** about people who:

- have a crime happen to them
- see a crime happen to someone else

There are other plans about this.



The work in this plan will be from 2017 to 2022.

We will look at this plan again in 3 years.



We talked to lots of people before we made this plan.

And we will work with lots of people and groups to make the plan happen.



This plan is not final yet.

We want to know what people think of it first.

Then we will make a final plan.

You can find out how to tell us what you think of this plan on **page 17**.

## Some of the main things we want to happen

We want this plan to help with:

- Finding out what healthcare and support people may need as soon as possible

This will help police, court and prison staff support people in the right way



- Making sure people get the right healthcare and support for them

This could be in other places like hospitals



- Helping staff share information and work together in better ways



- Helping people stay healthy and look after their own health



# The 7 main things we want to work on

## 1. Planning and getting good care and support for people



This is about making sure people get healthcare and support that is good and right for them.

We will:

- get advice on how to make sure people can get the healthcare and support they need



- find out what sort of healthcare and support people need



- set up some groups of people who are involved with the police, courts or prisons



We want to ask them what they think



We will also work on:

- better support for people who need mental health care when they first meet the police

For example, we can look at other safe places they can go instead of police cells or hospitals

## 2. Looking at all the healthcare and support people need and making this happen



This is about people getting all the healthcare and support they need without lots of problems or delays.



This means police, court, prison, health and care staff all working well together.



- We will make sure staff share information about people's care and support when they need to

This will help them know what care and support people need



- We will make information to help staff look at what care someone needs and what problems there may be

Staff can change this information to keep it up to date





- There is information on the internet about the healthcare and support people can get

We will help police, court, prison and health staff know about this



- We will look at the way people get medicine from the police, courts and prisons

We will make sure this is done in a good way



- We will make documents to help health and care staff plan the best care for people

For example, the documents will look at what care people should get and who they should get it from



- We will see how Facebook, texts and emails can be used to tell people about appointments and other information



- We will look at how to give better care to people who may hurt themselves



- We will make sure that therapy in prisons is good enough

Therapy is help people can get with their mental health

They may talk to someone called a therapist about how they feel

- We will help people in prison stay with the same therapist if possible



- We will look at new ways to give people healthcare in prisons

For example, by getting different health staff to come into prisons



- We will work to make sure people leaving prison get the care and support they need after they leave



- We will work to make sure people who need a lot of support with their mental health get the right care in the right place

This may be in hospital or somewhere else

### 3. Different staff working together to give people care

This means health, care, police, court and prison staff. And other groups in the community.



- We will have an event every year where people can share good information and ideas



- We will help get enough health staff to work with the police, courts and prisons

We will make a plan about this



- We will look at what training staff working with the police, courts and prisons need
- We will look at training that staff can do together



- We will work with other groups in the community to see how they can help

## 4. Making sure people can get support from other places if they need it

This is about:



- finding out what support someone may need when they are with the police, courts or prisons
- making sure people can get care and support from other places if they need it



This could be support with things like:

- mental health
- housing, money or work



We will do things like:

- look at the best way to make this happen
- make a book that people can have with them



It will help the police, courts and prisons know what support they need



## 5. Helping people stay healthy

- We will find a good way to tell people how they can stay healthy and look after their own health



- We will help make sure people in prison can get health checks if they need them to see if they have any health problems



- We will help make sure women can breastfeed their children if they want to



We will make some plans about better support for people who:

- may want to hurt themselves or end their own lives
- have a drug or alcohol problem



## 6. Making sure people in prison can get extra support if they need it



This may be support with things like:

- moving around if they have a disability
- understanding information
- looking after themselves

This support is often called social care.



We will do things like:

- look at what care and support people in prison and their families get now



- find out what support people in prison will need now and in the future



- see if prisons can do more to get people the support they need

- see if prison and care staff can work together in a better way

## 7. Solving housing problems



At the moment, people involved with the police, courts or prisons may have problems with housing.

For example, they may have nowhere to live or somewhere to live only for a short time.



We will do things like:

- work with other parts of the government to help stop problems like this
- look at how people can get the right housing, healthcare and support
- look at the right housing for people who need a lot of support with their mental health





# How to tell us what you think of this plan



Please tell us what you think by  
**20 June 2016.**



You can email us at:  
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You can write to us at:

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and Public Safety  
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Please answer the questions starting on  
the next page if you can.



## About the plan

Please tell us what you think of the plan.  
Are we doing the right things?  
Is there anything else we should be doing?



Is the plan fair for everyone?  
Will it cause problems for any groups  
of people?  
If so, is there anything we can do  
to make it fairer?



## About you

Your name



The name of the group you are part of.  
(If you are telling us what you think  
as part of a group)

Your address



Your phone number



Your email

**Thank you!**