“Inside Out Health Project” How do male prisoners experience HIV healthcare in English prisons? An exploration of patient’s experiences and opinions

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Conflict of Interest

Recipient of 2019 NHIVNA Research Fellowship
What’s it like in prison?
Principle of Equivalence of Care for Prison Healthcare in England

Equivalence is the principle by which...

...afforded provision of and access to appropriate services or treatment...

...at least consistent in range and quality (availability, accessibility and acceptability)...

...to reduce health inequalities between people in prison and in the wider community

(MoJ, HMPPS, DHSC and PHE, 2018)
Man living with HIV died because officials refused saving medication

HIV-positive 21-year-old Thokozani Shiri died in prison after officials neglected him and failed to provide life-saving medication, an inquest has found.
Little published evidence of the healthcare experiences of people living with HIV in prison.

None which relates to their participation in service planning or delivery.

Experts by experience - but unrepresented in decisions related to HIV healthcare in prison.
Research Aim

• Primary aim: to contribute to improving care through better understanding men’s experience of HIV healthcare whilst they are in prison.

• Secondary aim: to make recommendations for best practice for providing HIV healthcare to people in prison.
Methods and Methodology

• Ethical review

• Interviews
  • One-to-one
  • In person
  • Remote: telephone, video, email

• Reflexive Thematic Analysis (rTA)
  • Braun and Clarke (2006)
  • Braun and Clarke (2019)

• Delphi-style review

• Qualitative

• Relativist/Constructivist

• Co-production
  • Health inequalities (what/who)
  • Syndemic theory (Singer et al, 2017)
  • Watson’s Caring Theory
  • Rogers “unconditional positive regard”

• PPI
Patient and Public Involvement

Benefits
• Expertise
• Ideas
• Fresh pair of eyes
• Different perspective
• Brutal honesty!

Challenges
• Finding people
• Time
• Staying on topic
• Working to deadlines
• Maintaining engagement
• Drop-out

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Inclusion Criteria

• >21 years at the time of imprisonment
• Remand or sentenced, in an English male prison since 2006
• Experienced HIV healthcare whilst in prison
COVID-19

• Favourable REC ethical opinion: 24.03.22
• Lockdown: 23.03.20
• Recruitments: clinics, conferences and professional meetings
• Redeployed to run the Isle of Wight Riverside vaccination centre
• Impact on PPI group
Take Part!

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