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ENDING INEQUALITIES AND GETTING ON TRACK TO END AIDS BY 2030

A summary of the commitments and targets within the United Nations General Assembly's 2021 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS

- In June 2021 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the political Declaration on HIV and Aids : Ending inequalities and getting on track to END AIDS by 2030. Noting that key populations including people in prisons are more likely to be exposed to HIV, they committed to tailor HIV combination prevention approaches to meet their diverse needs



Prevalence of HIV in prison

- UNAIDS- Globally 4.3% of the prison population is living with HIV which means people in prison are six times more likely to be living with HIV

- In the UK the prevalence is difficult to assess but it's suggested that the figures are less than 4.3%

Background to the service we provide in our region

3 Prisons in our region:

HMP Altcourse (private prison) -
CAT B, approx 1,033 inmates, Male prison

HMP Liverpool
CAT B, approx 750-800 inmates, Male prison

HMP Riskey (training prison)
CAT C, approx 1,095 inmates, Male prison

We have three nurses that run a BBV clinic in each
prison

Issues
HIV patients
face whilst
incarcerated

1. Stigma and discrimination
2. Limited access to healthcare
- 3. Limited access to medication**
4. Poor nutrition

Issues HIV patients face whilst incarcerated

5. Increased risk of sexual assault
6. Lack of privacy
7. Limited access to support from Mental health

Challenges facing BBV Nurse caring for the HIV patient

1. Stigma and discrimination
2. Limited resources
3. Co-morbidities

Challenges facing BBV Nurse caring for the HIV patient

4. Adherence to treatment
5. Confidentiality
6. Transition to community care

Role of the BBV Nurse working in the prison service

1. Support for the patient - We offer 2 open slots in our prison clinic list
2. Delivering education to the prison staff and inmates
3. Support regarding adherence to medication.
4. Link between secondary care and prison service.
5. Support the prison to achieve the 95 -95 -95 targets in our prisons.

What steps have we taken to help the prison achieve 95-95-95

- 95% tested
 - 95% started on treatment
 - 95% viral suppression
- Testing - improve testing in reception for all BBVs
 - Improve pathways for referral into HIV care
 - Educate patients / staff on the importance of adherence

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listening

Any questions