Prison Mental Health In-Reach Services Standards Development Workshop
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What Makes a Good Standard?

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- Specify who is responsible
- Specify who benefits
- Time bound – the frequency and duration of the action
- Measurable – you can recognise non-compliance
- Achievable/ realistic/ acceptable
- Behaviourally stated – describes things people do
- Understandable – clear, concise and unambiguous
- Evidence-based – e.g. have good consensus from stakeholder groups as a minimum
Small Group Consultation Work

Working Categories for Standards:

• Admission and Assessment
  – Mental Health Assessment (triage) at Reception
  – Assessment and Options Following Assessment

• Case Management and Treatment
  – CPA, including interventions.
  – Involvement in care of complex individuals, e.g. DSH and use of ACCT
  – Liaison with 24 hour inpatient care in prison

• Referral and Discharge
  – Preparation for release and liaison with local mental health services
  – Referral to NHS services and Discharge Back to Prison
  – Referral to secondary care mental health services

• Staff
  – Team Composition
  – Training and Supervision

• Environment and Facilities

• Governance