Preparing for release from prison

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Introduction

• The response to the pandemic in prisons focused on several key areas ‘equivalent’ to community measures put in place

• Within the prison setting, the response requires particularly careful collaboration
Information

• Key messaging to prisoners to convey why the measures are in place both in prison and following their release into the community

• Collaborative effort between prison and healthcare staff to organise release of people with suspected/confirmed COVID-19
HMPPS Cohort Unit Guidance

- Reverse Cohort Unit
- Protective Isolation Unit
- Shielding Unit

HMPPS Cohort Unit Guidance for prisons during the COVID-19 pandemic

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Healthcare

- Adoption of new way of working to ensure acute needs were being met
- Processes put in place to detect and isolate potential cases of COVID-19
- Action taken to ‘Shield’ vulnerable and High Risk groups
Advice for health and justice healthcare teams on medicines and pharmacy services continuity

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Introduction
This guidance describes the changes that may be needed to provide continuity of medicines during an outbreak. Providers should already have plans for pandemic and seasonal flu outbreaks or major incidents that can be used and adapted for COVID-19 outbreaks.

The supply of medicines is a clinical priority to minimise the risks of harm from omitted and delayed medicines. Health and justice (HJ) patients have additional risks if continuity of medicines is interrupted.
Medicines Management

- In-possession and Not in-possession medications
- Risk assessments
- Supervised consumption
- Night medications
- Vaccinations
Recovery and Restoration

Guidance for healthcare teams on the release of adult patients from the secure and detained estate during coronavirus (COVID-19)

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Preparation for Release

COVID-19 GUIDANCE FOR HEALTHCARE IN SECURE ENVIRONMENTS
Practical advice for clinicians
Preparation for Release

- Notification of planned releases [End of Custody Temporary Release]
- 'Shielded' patients
- Release planning template [Discharge SEAT]
- GP registration
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• 28 days medication supply (14 days for CD)
• Community pharmacy response
• Use of FP10 and FP10MDA
• Substance misuse services
Restoration and Recovery

• What are the lessons learned?

• What alterations to our practice would we continue?
Resources


Over to …

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