

**Case study template to demonstrate service initiatives or projects to improve access to healthcare and health outcomes for people who are in or have been in the criminal justice system**

**Background**

November 2016 will mark five years since the responsibility for prison healthcare in Scotland transferred from the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) to NHS Scotland. The change was driven by the need to improve equity of access to healthcare for people in prison, improve continuity of care for people when they enter or leave prison, to reduce health inequalities and to have a more sustainable service.

The Royal College of Nursing Scotland is now taking time to assess how the transfer has helped to deliver these aims. Although five years is a short amount of time to assess whether there has been significant change, it is a useful point to reflect on the impact of the transfer to date and whether things are improving.

The project will also be looking at whether the nursing contribution to healthcare for people in the criminal justice system is being maximised. As part of this, we are looking for case studies that demonstrate service initiatives or projects, involving nursing, that are improving access to healthcare and health outcomes for people who are in, or who have been in, the criminal justice system.

These case studies will help inform our report and our recommendations for the future. We may select particular case studies to use as examples within the report. If we do, we will contact whoever submitted the case study to make sure we have appropriate approvals, prior to publication. The report is due to be published in November 2016.

If you would like more information about the case studies or the project, please contact Helen Malo, Policy Officer, RCN Scotland: helen.malo@rcn.org.uk.

**Criteria for case** **studies**

RCN Scotland is looking for case studies that demonstrate service initiatives and projects, involving nursing, which aim to:

* Improve access to healthcare services for people who are in, or who have been in, the criminal justice system;
* Reduce health inequalities for people who are in, or who have been in, the criminal justice system;
* Improve continuity of care for people coming into prison, transferring between prisons or leaving prison; or
* Improve the sustainability of services delivering healthcare to people who are in, or who have been in the criminal justice system.

**Case study template**

Please use the following template to provide details of the initiative or project that you are involved in. This template is intended as a guide so please adapt it to suit your particular project as necessary. Please try to avoid abbreviations and explain any acronyms.

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| Name |  |
| Job title |  |
| Contact details (email and phone) |  |
| Employer/organisation |  |
| Where are you based? |  |
| Specialty/setting |  |

1. **What is the initiative and/or project you are involved in?**

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| *Briefly describe what you are doing and any evidence you have used to back up the work or is it an area where there is no previous work done?* |

1. **What prompted you to do this work?**

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| *What were the reasons you decided to start the work; what was happening or what was the situation before you implemented the initiative or project.* |

1. **How did you initiate the work?**

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| *Were there any barriers and how did you overcome these? Did you develop a project or business case and did you negotiate a budget for the work. Are other organisations/groups/services involved and how have you managed them?* |

1. **What have the challenges to implementing the service/intervention been? And what has enabled the implementation of the service/intervention?**

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1. **Has the initiative or project made a difference to patients/service users and/or staff?**

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| *How do you know and what evidence or measures are you using? (Please include any outcome measures)**If appropriate give details of any data; such as numbers of clients seen; numbers of clients and what has the impact been etc.* |

1. **What are the long-term aims for the work?**

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**Please let us know if you have any photographs or slides which will help show the work.**

Please send completed case studies to Helen Malo, Policy Officer, RCN Scotland Helen.malo@rcn.org.uk by 5 August 2016.