The 2023 Health in Prisons and Places of Detention International Conference

“Making prisons and places of detention resilient to infectious diseases, including epidemic and pandemic threats”

Jointly organized by the United Kingdom Health Security Agency and the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe

20-21 June 2023
9:00 – 17:00 GMT
Millennium Gloucester Hotel & Conference Centre
London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Provisional programme

Day 1
Tuesday, 20 June 2023

08:15–08:55 Registration of participants. Welcome coffee/tea. Networking

09:00–09:15 Welcome and opening remarks by the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe
Hans Henri P. Kluge, Regional Director, World Health Organization (WHO), WHO Regional Office for Europe

09:15–09:30 Welcome and opening remarks by the United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA)
Jenny Harries, Chief Executive, UKHSA (TBC)

09:30–09:50 Opening address
Prisons – an opportunity to improve health equity and population outcomes related to infectious disease
Chantal Edge, National Lead for Health and Justice, UKHSA England

09:50–10:10 Keynote address 1
What does it entail making prisons and centres of detention resilient to infectious diseases, including epidemic and pandemic threats?
Daniel Lopez-Acuña, Adjunct Professor Andalusian School of Public Health (Spain), Consultant, WHO Health in Prisons Programme, WHO Regional Office for Europe

10:10–10:30 Keynote address 2
Lessons learned so far by prisons and centres of detention from pandemics
Michel Westra, Health Without Barriers, Medical Advisor, Ministry of Security and Justice, the Netherlands

10:30–10:55 Active break, networking and poster viewing
11:00–11:45  
**Theme 1: Preparedness**  
**Moderator**  
*Merav Kliner*, Regional Deputy Director - North West, and Consultant in Health Protection (Greater Manchester), UKHSA  
- What do we know already about infectious diseases in prisons and places of detention in Europe?  
  *Filipa Alves da Costa*, Consultant, WHO Health in Prisons Programme, WHO Regional Office for Europe  
- Robust gathering of evidence and evaluation of interventions.  
  *Emma Plugge*, Consultant in Public Health, UKHSA Health and Justice Team, University of Southampton England  
- Developing evidence-based guidelines for unknown threats  
  *Éamonn O'Moore*, Director of National Health Protection, Ireland  

11:45–12:15  
Group discussion on theme 1

12:15–12:55  
**Lunch, networking and poster viewing**

13:00–14:15  
**Theme 2: Prevent**  
**Moderator**  
*Dr Ehab Salah*, Adviser, Prisons and HIV, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime  
- Bloodborne viruses  
  *Mark Gillyon-Powell*, NHSE lead for the Hepatitis C elimination programme, England  
- WHO Policy Brief on interventions for HIV, viral hepatitis and STI for people in prisons and other detention centers  
  *Niklas Luhmann*, Technical Officer, Testing, Prevention and Populations Team, Global HIV, Hepatitis and Sexually Transmitted Infections Programmes, WHO Headquarters, Switzerland  
- British Association for Sexual Health and HIV standards for UK prisons *(TBC)*  
- Respiratory infections  
  *Zulma Rueda*, Associate Professor and Canada Research Chair, University of Manitoba, Canada  
- Vaccination  
  *Lara Tavoschi*, PI of RISE-Vac increasing vaccination in prisons, Senior Researcher in Public Health, University of Pisa

14:15–14:45  
Group discussion on theme 2

14:45–15:10  
**Active break, networking and poster viewing**

15:15–16:00  
**Theme 3: Detect**  
**Moderator**
Linda Montanari, Principal Scientist, European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)

- Early detection and multi-pathogen screening. The role of surveillance and robust data gathering

Andrew Hayward, National Lead for Inclusion Health UKHSA, Professor of infectious disease epidemiology University College London, England

- Pathways for those found positive: referral, access to diagnosis and treatment, and inequities in this process

Maria Claudia Piñanez Garcia, Director for Prison Health, Ministry of Justice - Integration of prison active search with national public health programmes – the case of TB in Paraguay (TBC)

- Detecting diseases with high stigma. Hesitancy and awareness raising

Josephine Wanza, Head of AIDS Control Unit, Prison Service, Kenya

16:00–16:30 Group discussion on theme 3

16:30–17:00 The lived experience viewpoint about managing infectious diseases in prisons

Paula Harriott, Head of Prisoner Engagement, Prison Reform Trust, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Niall Walsh, Manager, Pathways Centre, City of Dublin Education and Training Board, Ireland

17:00–17:30 Poster viewing
Day 2
Wednesday, 21 June 2023

08:30–08:55  Registration of participants, welcome coffee/tea. Networking

09:00–09:30  Welcome Day 2
Chris Whitty, Chief Medical Officer, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

09:30–10:15  Theme 4: Respond
Moderator
Elena Leclerc, Head of Health in Detention Unit for Persons Deprived of Liberty, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Switzerland

- Organising healthcare in pandemic situations
  Kate Davies, CBE, Director of Health and Justice, Armed Forces and Sexual Assault Services Commissioning, NHS England
- Non-health partner responses to infectious diseases, management of competing priorities, and the limits of infection prevention and control in prisons and places of detention settings
  Marie Claire van Hout, Professor of Public Health Policy and Practice at the Public Health Institute, Liverpool John Moores University, England
- Unintended consequences of preventing transmission: the impact of isolation
  Olivia Rope, Executive Director for Penal Reform International

10:15–10:45  Group discussion on theme 4

10:45–11:10  Active break, networking and poster viewing

11:15–12:00  Theme 5: Building connectedness with the wider health system
Moderator
TBC

- Dovetailing efforts with the wider health systems to ensure adequate referral on infectious pathologies. One health approach
  Henrique de Barros, Director, Institute of Public Health Porto, Portugal
- Capacity building, training, business continuity and sustainability
  Ketevan Chakhnasvilli, Dean of International Medical School, Tbilisi Georgia
- How to improve health security? Data pathways, ensuring appropriate surveillance, accessibility, transparency
  Sylvie Briand, Director, Epidemic and Pandemic Preparedness and Prevention (EPP), Preparedness Division, WHO Emergency Programme (WPE/WHE), WHO headquarters, Switzerland (TBC)

12:00–12:30  Group discussion on theme 5

12:30–13:25  Lunch, networking and poster viewing

13:30–14:15  Discussion on the development of the guidance document
14:15–14:25  Announcement of the best poster award
14:30–15:00  Closing remarks

Susan Hopkins, Chief Medical Advisor, UKHSA
Carina Ferreira-Borges, Regional Adviser Alcohol, Illicit Drugs and Prison Health, WHO Regional Office for Europe