

Breaking Down the Barriers

Offender Health Priorities

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5 key priorities

- Improve the quality of our services
- Improve the safety of our services
- Improve the equality of our service provision
- Improve our continuity of care
- Improve the West Midlands Workforce

Improve the quality of our services

- Our primary goal is to:

Ensure that we have a network of health based places of safety commissioned across the region

Lord Bradley raised this in his report, as being critical to support early intervention for people in the criminal justice system

Improve the safety of our services

- We will:

Review all serious untoward incidents, deaths in custody, approved premises and serious further offences to identify changes that can be made in service provision to reduce the number of health incidents

Improve the equality of our service provision

- Ensure that prison physical health services have a minimum equivalence to the community
- Improve our provision to young people in the criminal justice system
- Improve our provision of mental health services in prison for BME patients
- Review our pilot project of dedicated mental health support for women offenders in the community

Improve our continuity of care

- Ensure that we have a network of Criminal Justice Liaison Services to support patients within the criminal justice system
- Provide improved case management between health, social care and criminal justice partners to support reductions in re-offending

Improve the West Midlands Workforce

- Support the modernisation of the health and substance misuse workforce in prisons across the West Midlands
- Provide mental health awareness training to prison and probation staff
- Support greater partnership working between organisations

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Reducing health inequalities will only happen if:

1. We work together in partnership
2. Put aside historical perceptions of organisations
3. Engage in new ways of working

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