

## IPP External Stakeholder Challenge Group

### Meeting Notes

Date of meeting: 04 June 2024

#### 1. Apologies and Introductions

- Actions from the last meeting were completed.
- Discussion held on the Victims and Prisoners Act which gained Royal Assent 24 May 2024. It will be for the new Government, after the General Election, to decide when to enact the changes.
- Stakeholders raised questions on whether HMPPS have plans to ensure they would be ready to enact changes if the new Government push forwards. HMPPS confirmed that plans are in place.

#### 2. Safety Toolkit

- The Safety Team in HMPPS has created an IPP safety toolkit which includes a range of resources to raise staff awareness of the IPP sentence and associated safety risks and help prison staff support those serving an IPP sentence. The toolkit provides a series of information and resources that can be amended locally to meet the specific needs of their IPP population.
- The Toolkit will be launched and shared with each prison once final approval is obtained this month.
- Stakeholders sought confirmation on how HMPPS will monitor the use and effectiveness of the toolkit and when it will be implemented. HMPPS confirmed that toolkit will be implemented in July.

**ACTION:** HMPPS to consider how it could monitor the use of the toolkit.

#### 3. IPP Dashboard

- HMPPS demonstrated their internal IPP data dashboard which will be used as an internal management tool to track progress of the operational IPP delivery Plans.
- Stakeholders highlighted where gaps were and suggested some additional fields to add to the Dashboard, including to reflect the changes being brought forward through the Victims and Prisoners Act;
- The IPP Dashboard is iterative and HMPPS will consider what information could be added in the future, however, the Dashboard will always have some limitations as to what information it can capture.

**ACTION:** Parole Board to provide information on adjournment and knockback of Parole Hearings and whether there is any correlation with cases with mental health issues.

#### 4. Remittance from hospital

- Discussion held on the process of remittance and work being carried out by HMPPS.
- HMPPS discussed the Mental Health Streamlining Pilot for cases in secure hospital. The pilot has led to a promising reduction in time between a Tribunal concluding and the Parole Board hearing taking place.

**ACTION:** HMPPS to consider what more can be done to raise awareness of S117 to ensure this provision is known and reflected in the work and reporting the agency delivers.

**ACTION:** HMPPS to consider if any data specific to patients transferred under the Mental Health Act could be shared with the group, in particular numbers of IPPs who remain in hospital post a positive MHT decision awaiting a PB decision.

## 5. IPP Bulletin

- Stakeholders provided HMPPS feedback on the IPP Bulletin which included the importance of using data, talking to those serving the sentence about what they want to see, and ensuring the format is consistent.
- HMPPS are working with the agency communication department to complete a first version of the Bulletin to be sent to those serving the sentence.

## 6. IPP Delivery Plans

- A summary of the IPP Delivery Plans will be going to the next IPP Progression Board meeting.
- Stakeholders requested that the updated Action Plan includes measurable outcome.

**ACTION:** Discussion of the IPP Delivery Plans will be the main part of the next External Stakeholder Challenge Group meeting.

## 7. IPP in Focus Week

- IPP in focus week was successful with over 1700 staff attending the five sessions.
- HMPPS has distributed the recordings to prisons and probation delivery units, where they are expected to be used to assist with training and raising awareness for staff widely across HMPPS.
- HMPPS will be working towards other events in the future and will consult with the stakeholders on what should be covered, when the planning stage commences.

## 8. AOB

- N/A