Supportive and Palliative Care in HMP Glenochil

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Background
Prison health demographics sees the health age of most prisoners as being at least a decade older than the general public, with a shorter life expectancy. The ‘Who cares? The Lived Experience of Older Prisoners in Scotland’s Prisons’ by HM Inspectorate of Prisons Scotland also highlighted the case of ageing prisoners and the challenges for staff caring for this group.

Aims
In HMP Glenochil we are taking a proactive approach in supporting the patients in our prison who have supportive and palliative care needs.

Methods

Staff Education

Use of early Identification tools

Results

Knowing what palliative care is has increased my confidence in my role supporting prisoners

I feel able to offer better support

Nurse

Prison Officer

NHS and Prison Officer Palliative Care Champions roles

I found it interesting the different ways to assess pain and the options to use.....

.............to view individuals needs as those of an individual not just a ‘prisoner’

Prison Officer

Nurse

Improvement Examples

Development of Gold Standard folder for prison use

Supportive and Palliative Care meeting and register