

## IPP External Stakeholder Challenge Group

### Meeting Notes

Date of meeting: 05 March 2024  
Present: HMPPS, UNGRIPP, Howard League, Prison and Probation Ombudsmen, Royal College of Psychiatrists, Division of Forensic Psychology, Independent Advisory Panel of deaths in Custody, HM Inspectorate Prisons, HM Inspectorate Probation, Prison Reform Trust, Independent Monitoring Board, The Parole Board  
Next meeting: TBC, in person/MS Teams

#### 1. Apologies and Introductions

- Actions from the last meeting were either completed or added onto the agenda.

#### 2. Psychology related activity for male IPP cohort

- The Psychology Services Group (PSG) approach and IPP strategy has been developed over a period of 10 years.
- PSG deliver a broad range of activity, including case reviews and supporting staff to identify appropriate pathways; staff awareness sessions (including with the new Neurodiversity leads in every prison); identifying and triaging specialist assessment needs; identifying where bespoke provision is needed for cases; and building the community model.
- Stakeholders raised concerns about the number of newly qualified psychologists carrying out assessments on those serving an IPP sentence.
- HMPPS explained that the psychology resourcing model includes staff with varying experience and HMPPS' view is experience level does not detract from their competence to complete Risk Assessments.
- Stakeholders highlighted that many of those serving an IPP sentence have lost trust in the system and raised concerns about how difficult it will be to get many people who are serving an IPP sentence to engage, particularly with psychology.

**ACTION:** HMPPS to consider whether they can further use the network of neurodiversity support managers in the context of additional support for the IPP population in prisons.

#### 3. Communication with those serving an IPP sentence – Update

- PSG has delivered forums with those serving IPP sentences, which has directly fed into the development of the IPP Delivery Plans;
- A new IPP Information Bulletin will provide those serving an IPP sentence with: information on what developments there have been on the IPP sentence; the latest available data on IPP progress; articles from those serving the sentence; and feedback from key meetings, including this stakeholder group. The IPP bulletin will be distributed at least twice a year.

**ACTION:** HMPPS to share the draft IPP Bulletin with members for comments before it is issued.

- HMPPS will also pursue other ways to communicate with those serving an IPP sentence, and will particularly consider WayOut TV, in-cell technology and prison radio.
- HMPPS to consider how to also communicate effectively with those serving automatic ('two-strike') life sentences on matters that would also relate to them.

#### 4. Data sharing

- Discussion on how best to identify what additional data HMPPS should consider adding to current datasets. Some viewed that the required data should be linked to the stated aims of the IPP Action Plan, and others that a wider range of data would be valuable. Challenges in deriving some of the data likely to be of interest were shared by data colleagues to manage expectations.

**ACTION:** Members to send HMPPS a collated list of priorities data they would like to see published.

- Internally, an IPP dashboard will track progress of the operational IPP delivery Plans.

**ACTION:** HMPPS to share with members the information headings contained in the IPP Dashboard.

**ACTION:** HMPPS to include an agenda item on the IPP dashboard in the next meeting on the understanding that data must not be shared or referenced outside the meeting setting.

#### 5. IPP Action Plan Restructure and operational IPP Delivery Plans

- HMPPS have re-focused the work of the Action Plan to impact on front line delivery and have taken this forward alongside a commission to operational senior leaders to produce Operational IPP Delivery Plans.

**ACTION:** HMPPS to share a draft version of the restructured IPP Action Plan with members.

- The group highlighted the importance of sharing good practice to ensure ongoing continuous improvement and focus.
- HMPPS are working on a set of staff sessions that will be delivered as part of a dedicated 'IPP in Focus' week on w/c 22 April.
- The commission for operational IPP Delivery Plans has gone to each of the Area Executive Directors. The plan must show how they are going to deliver against 5 strategic outcomes.

**ACTION:** HMPPS to share a version of the IPP safety toolkit.

**ACTION:** HMPPS to share the slides used on the IPP Action Plan Restructure and operational IPP Delivery Plans.

**ACTION:** HMPPS to share a template of the Delivery Plans.

#### 6. Transfers

- This item was covered in conversation on previous items. The operational IPP Delivery Plans contain a requirement to focus on ensuring those serving IPP are in prisons appropriate to their current needs.

#### 7. Parole Hearing Delays

- Work is being carried out by the Parole Board, as part of a wider parole improvement focus, to help with lowering parole hearing delays.
- The Parole Board is continuously monitoring reasons for delays to hearings.

#### 8. AOB

- HMPPS to ensure they communicate any key messages on the proposed Victims and Prisoners Bill with care.