Prison Health Research Network

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what is it?

- Department of Health funded initiative
- Established August 2004
- Collaborators
  - University of Manchester
  - University of Southampton
  - University of Sheffield
  - Institute of Psychiatry

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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES
And how we are doing!
People

**Aim:** multi-disciplinary, multi-agency network of researchers focused on the prison health research agenda.

**Progress:** Around 250 people signed up on website

**Future:**
- Fact finding all relevant university departments
- Comprehensive database of prison health research and researchers
Aim: Research capability building in prison.

Progress: 12 prison health staff involved as researchers in funded mental health projects.

Future:
1. Develop training opportunities for clinical staff in research methods.
2. Encourage staff to apply for research fellowships/continue to encourage involvement in funded prison health research projects.
3. Advertisement of research interested staff on website.
Aim: Develop and sustain a Network of collaborative prisons

Progress: working with 8 prisons
Regional networks

Future:
Research friendly prisons
Research systems
Quality research including trials
Encourage staff to become involved in research
Aim:
to develop a research pathway for prisons

Progress:
Go directly to jail project
Research governance pilot North west
Questionnaire to all prisons
Research prisons

Future: ongoing update
Aim
- Annual international conference
- Regional research groups
- Website

Progress
- **Date for your diary 20th October 2006**
- NE/NW/Eastern models
- Website active
1. Research and researcher information
2. Information about conferences/grants/training

Future
All regions
Update website including regional pages
conferences
**Aim:** Literature reviews and interviews to establish gaps in research knowledge

**Progress:** Literature reviews completed in mental health, dentistry and primary care, ongoing in substance misuse and updating mental health. Listening exercises completed

**Future:** Approach research funding bodies with funding priorities
Demonstration projects

**Aim:** research project in each work stream

**Progress:** dentistry
primary care
mental health
substance misuse

**Future:** publication and further grant application
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