1. The Prison and Offender Research in Social Care and Health (PORSCH) network continued in 2011-12 to maintain a collaborative community of those in the North East of England with interests in offender health and social care research and development.

2. Despite significant challenges for criminal justice and health care, there were important developments in diversion and liaison services in 2011-12; nationally through pathfinder projects based on police and court services and locally through the North East Big Diversion Project.

3. Big Diversion Project remained a significant PORSCH activity of 2011-12 including:
   - Providing evidence to the analysis phase
   - Prof Andrew Gray’s role as advisor to the BDP team
   - Co-organising and chairing a Stakeholder Workshop (‘Big Diversion Project, The Development Phase’, Durham (October) with Richard Bradshaw (Director of Offender Health, Department of Health) as keynote speaker


5. Screening for the Risk of Self-Harm in an Adult Offender Population: R & D Project continued, led by Dr Wendy Dyer (PORSCH Co-ordinator) funded by National Institute of Health Research

6. Offender Health and Social Care Research, Workshop in Leeds (September), explored joint areas of interest with colleagues in Yorkshire

7. Research and Development Priorities for Meeting Health and Social Care Needs of Ex-military Offenders: Workshop in Durham (December) explored the health issues arising in the community of offenders who are ex-military personnel

8. All-Party Parliamentary Group on Dual Diagnosis and Complex Needs: Prof Andrew Gray was invited to attend meetings; the Group used his contributions in its submission to the Department of Health’s consultation on Integrated Care

9. Offender Health Research Network: PORSCH continued to support the work of the national OHRN, attending its events and inviting its leaders to speak at PORSCH events