

The Development of a National Healthy Prisons Framework.

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Background

Healthy Ireland
Framework

Unique setting

Health and
Wellbeing Needs
Framework X2





Irish Prison System



- 13 Prison sites
- Prisoners 5,901 Operating @125%
- Prison Staff c. 3,492 (excl . external services)
- A reoffending rate of 62.3% within three years ⁽¹⁾
- Addiction / Poverty / Homelessness/ Older population ⁽²⁾

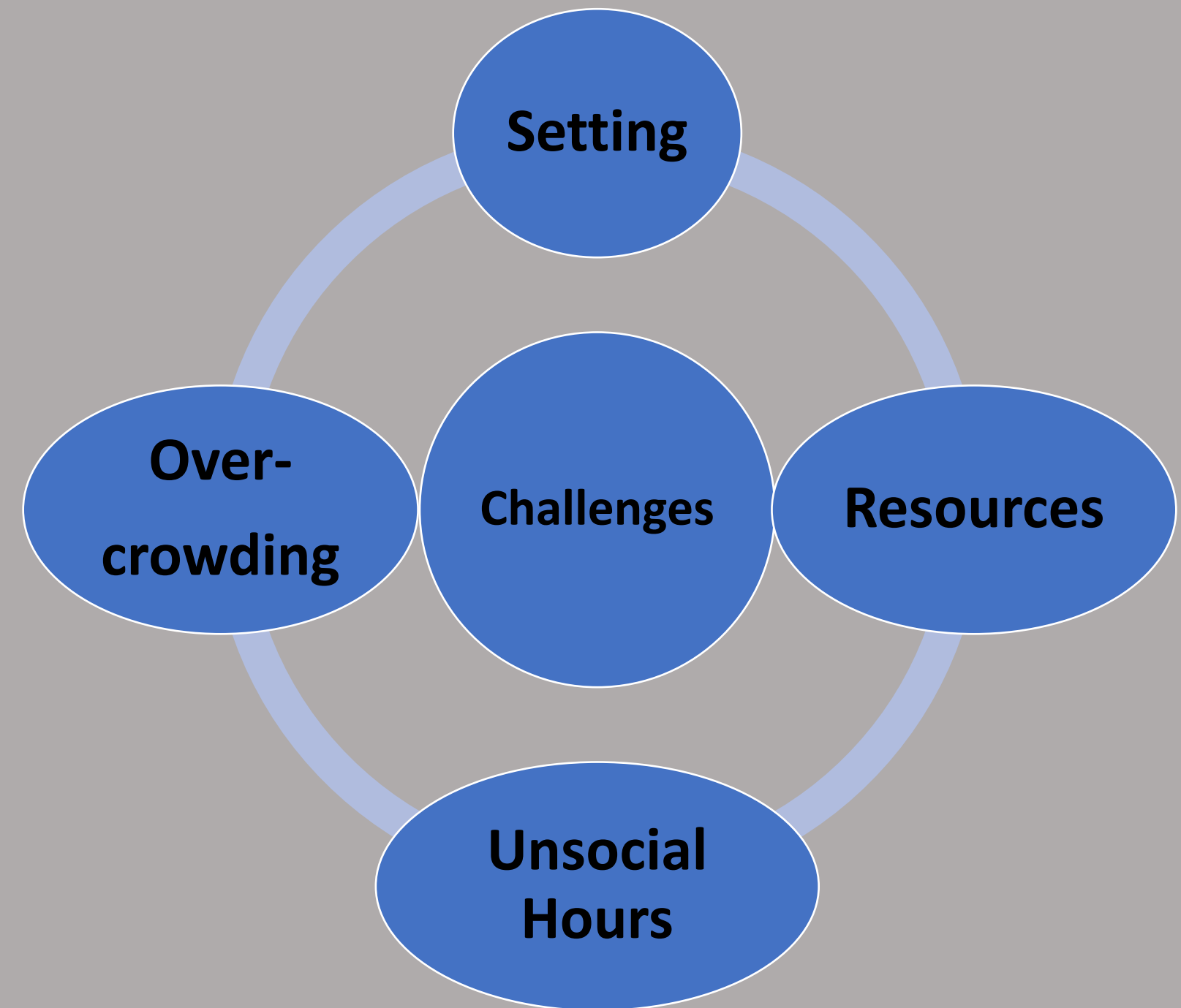




Challenges



- Custody and Security v Health
- Prevalence smoking c. 86.0% . 3.7 times ^ gen pop (3)
- Prevalence homelessness ,addiction , mental illness (4)
- Stressful environment Staff / Prisoners (5)
- Access
- Overcrowding 5,901 v 3978 (2019)
- Ageing population

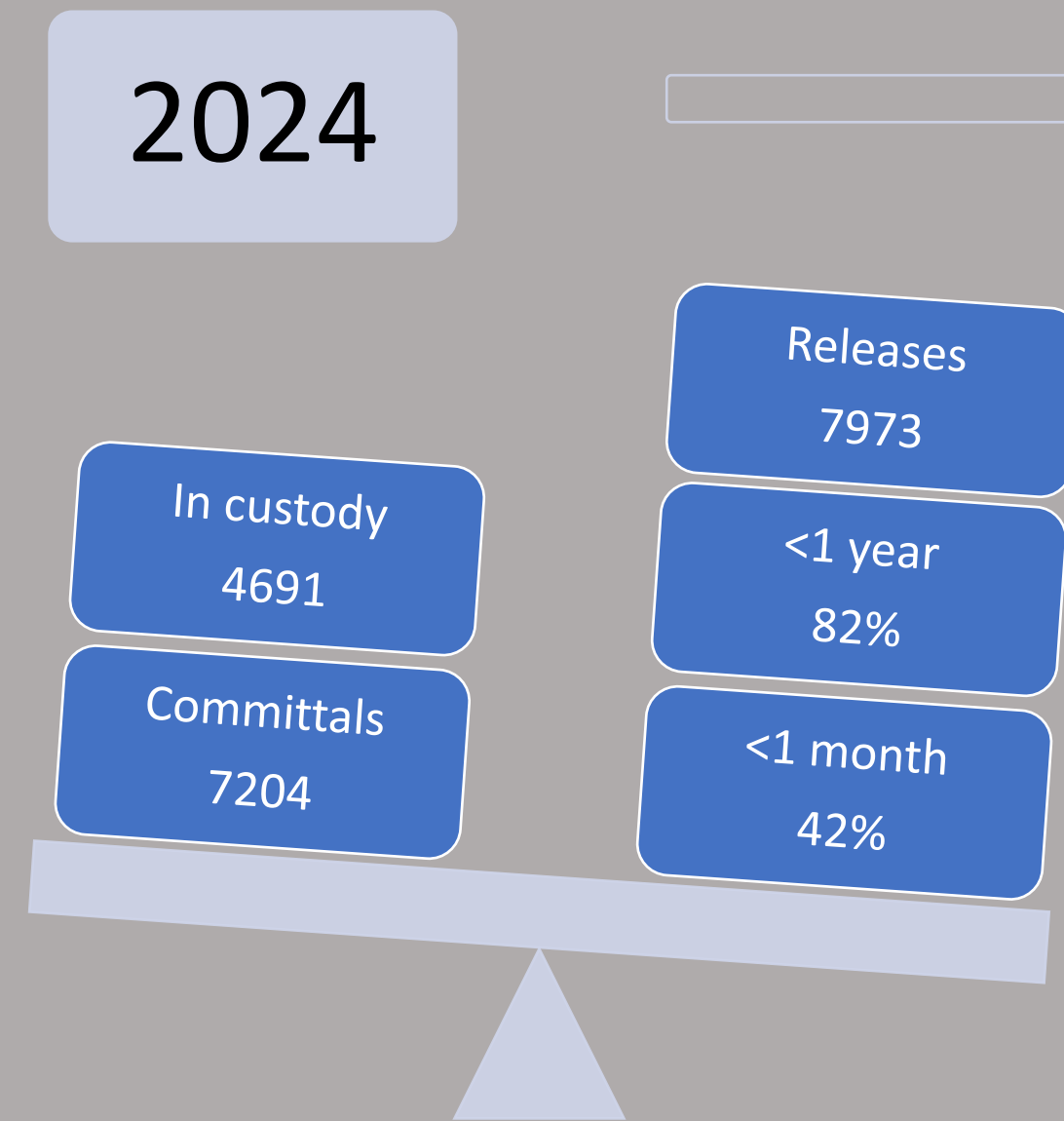


Challenges....





- Healthcare IPS resources
- Operations/ Security



Cross sectoral approach *

Considerations

- Stakeholder engagement -workshops, events, meetings
- Review of research on health in the prison setting
- Review of effectiveness for specific health promotion interventions in prisons.
- Perspectives of prisoners on their health and wellbeing in prisons
- Research subgroup

Outcome

- Baseline
- Co design
- Inclusiveness
- Empowerment
- Setting considerations

Addressing the GAP

Lived experience

Focus Groups



*Have YOUR say –
Your voice , Your Health, Your Future*

*Focus Groups will
be held on the*

Your opinion matters.

*Give your name to the Governor
before the*



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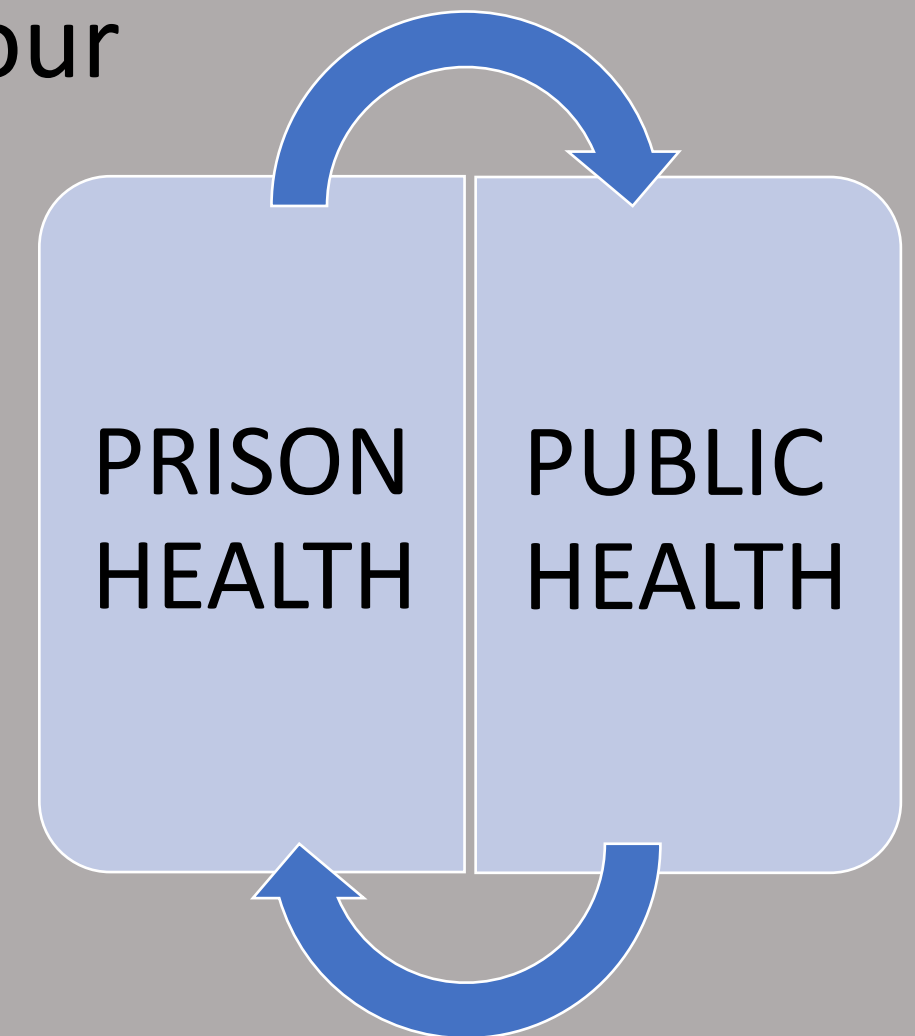


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What NOW



- Equity
- Empowerment
- Setting as opportunity
- Health Behaviour Changes



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