



HM Prison &
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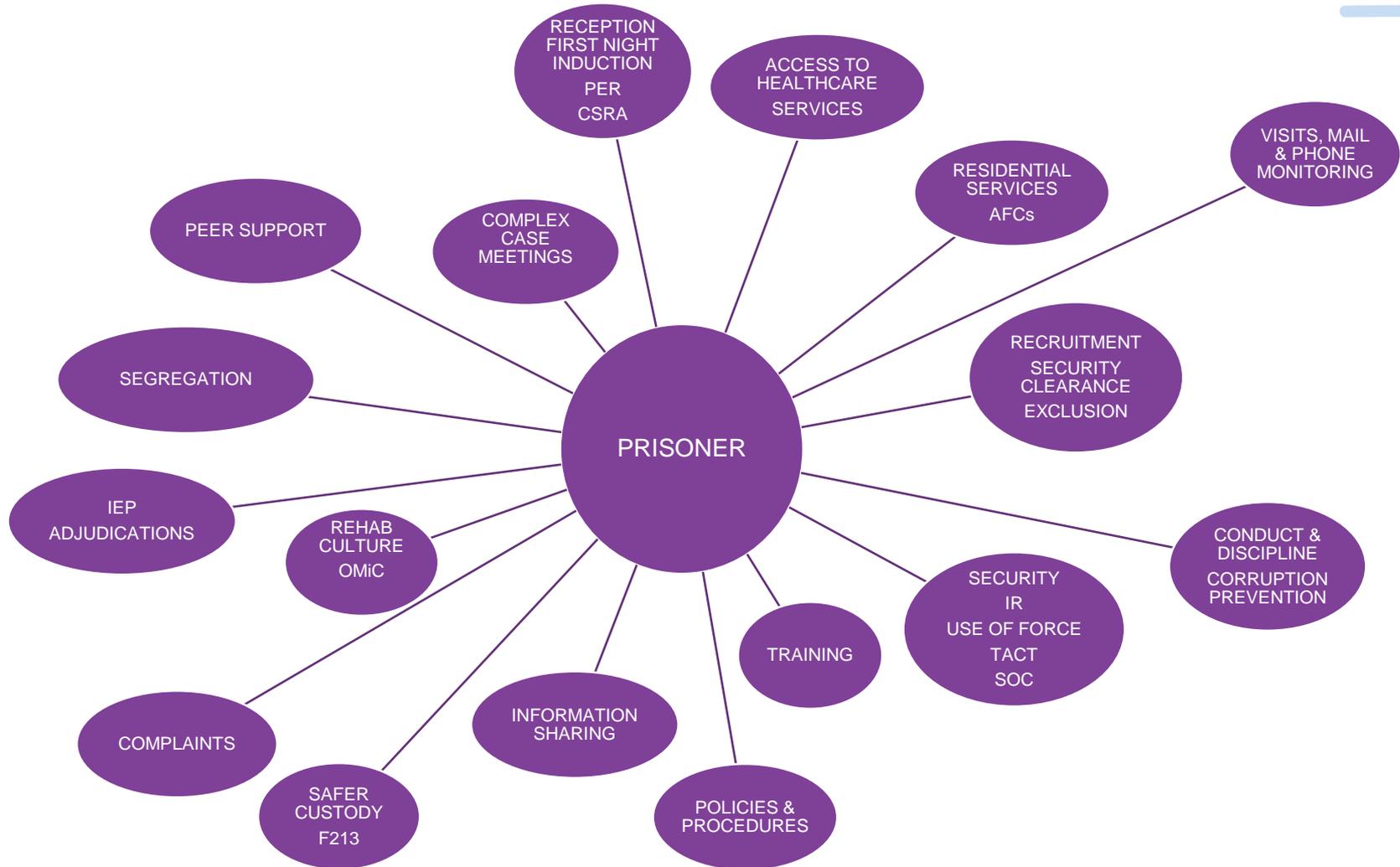
Safeguarding and Prisons Workshop



SAFEGUARDING IN PRISON

- Safeguarding in prison means taking measures to protect the health, well-being and human rights of vulnerable individuals, to enable them to live free from abuse, harm and neglect
- In custody the duty of care is both positive, a duty to provide and negative, a duty to prevent
- Local authorities have a responsibility to provide social care for people in prison who have care and support needs
- Prisons are responsible for the safety of their detainees and operational policy is set out in a range of policies and guidance
- In prison, Safeguarding is an umbrella term to describe all the activity that takes place to ensure prisoners are held safely and securely and protected from abuse and neglect
- Prisons and not local authorities are responsible for investigating safeguarding concerns in prisons, although local authorities can provide advice on safeguarding to prison staff if requested
- Local Safeguarding Adults Boards provide an opportunity for senior representatives from agencies to exchange advice and expertise and this can assist prison staff in ensuring that people in prison are safeguarded

SAFEGUARDING – DECENCY AND SAFETY



SAFEGUARDING PROCESS IN PRISON

CONCERN

- Suspected abuse or neglect or risk of harm
- Ensure immediate safety
- Inform member of staff, manager, Duty Governor as appropriate

REFER

- Contact member of staff, concern and keep safe helpline, Duty Governor
- Submit complaint
- Submit Safeguarding Concern Form

ENQUIRE

- Consider information and conduct enquiries
- Request assistance from Local Authority, as appropriate

ACTION

- Refer to police, if appropriate
- Identify actions to address concerns
- Safeguarding multi-disciplinary meeting required

REVIEW

- Review action plans to ensure delivery
- Provide analysis of safeguarding activity



Our experience of the prison environment