

Review of the Provision of Services for Vulnerable Persons Detained in Northern Ireland (NI) Prisons

Terms of Reference

RQIA have developed detailed Terms of Reference to deliver the Project Specification above, these have been agreed by a Steering Group of DoH and DoJ policy officials.

1. To assess the effectiveness of strategies/policies, services and operational procedures in place to deliver care and treatment to people with mental ill-health at risk of self-harm or suicide in Northern Ireland prisons.
2. To assess the effectiveness of arrangements for needs assessment and planning and commissioning of services delivered to this group within Northern Ireland prisons.
3. To assess the effectiveness of arrangements for assuring the quality of services delivered to this group within Northern Ireland prisons.
4. To seek the views and experiences of service users in relation to the effectiveness of services provided.
5. To report on our the findings and make practical recommendations to improve outcomes for vulnerable prisoners in Northern Ireland

A separate Review of the operation of Care and Supervision Units (CSUs) in the Northern Ireland Prison Service (NIPS) is to be undertaken by Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland (CJI) in partnership with the Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority (RQIA) and the Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI).

Terms of reference for this review are available on the Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland website at <http://www.cjini.org/>

The CJI Review will run concurrently with the RQIA Review; both are expected to report in the summer 2021.