

Special Issue

Mental Health in Custodial Settings

Message from the Guest Editors

It has long been recognised that individuals with a range of mental health problems are over-represented amongst populations detained in prisons and related carceral institutions. So-called forensic, or secure mental health, hospitals are purposely designed for the detention, care and treatment of individuals with serious mental health problems subject to the purview of the criminal justice system. In this context, various systems for diversion from custody and liaison and cooperation between different branches of the criminal justice system and health care systems have been developed internationally. Across all of these various settings there is a pressing need to better understand such important issues as mental health needs within custodial environments, relationships between mental health and offending behaviour, best practice in rehabilitation, resettlement and desistance from criminality, and the preparation and support of relevant workforces. For this Special Issue we welcome contributions that investigate such matters and provide evidence for progressive and systemic improvements to systems and individual experience.

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