

Health Care in Polish Prisons

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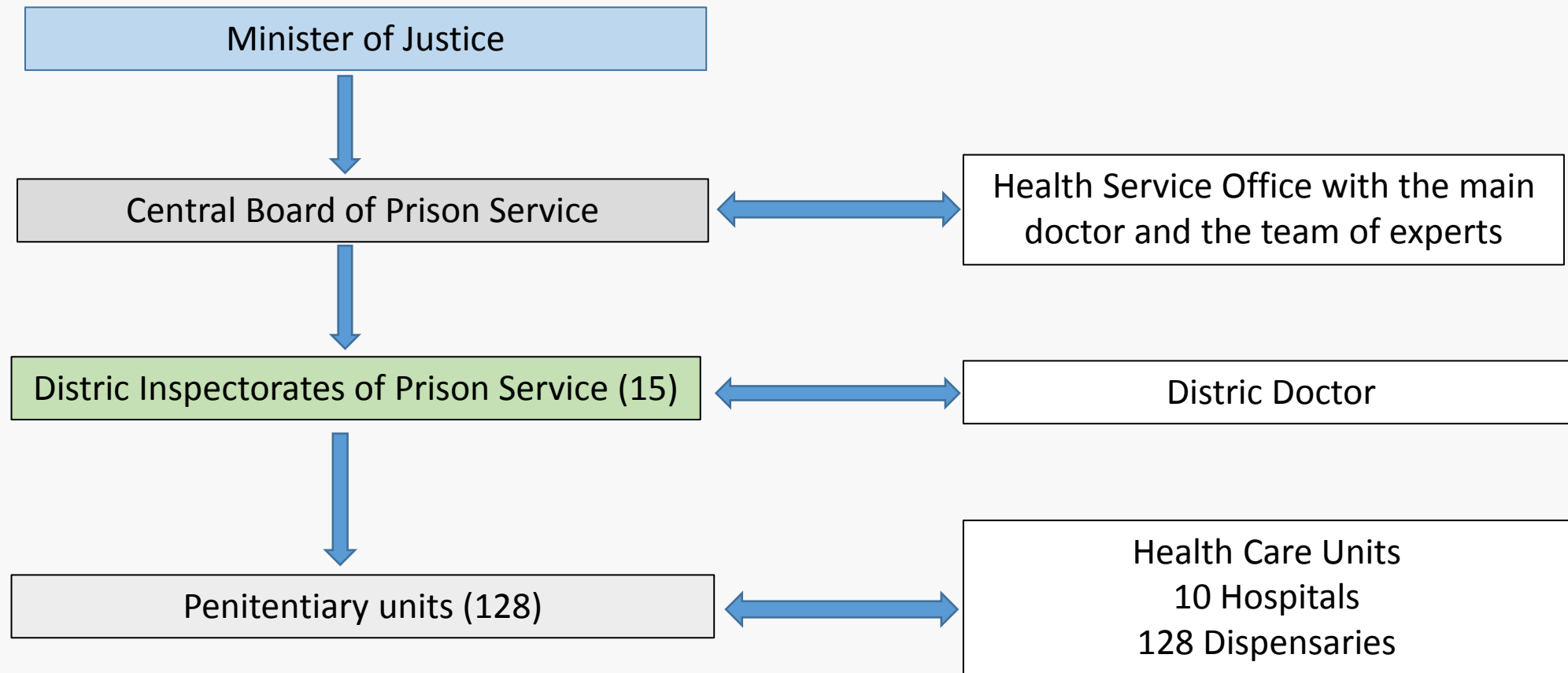
Central Board of Prison Service, Poland

PRISON SERVICE — ABBREVIATED IN POLISH AS - SW

A uniformed, armed, apolitical agency, subject to the Minister of Justice with its own organizational structure, appointed to execute tasks related to imprisonment and temporary arrest , as regulated by Executive Penal Code

- **Counrty population:** 37,95 milions people
- **Prison population : 73 822**
- **Maximum number of prisoners the prisons were designed to hold :**
86 868

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF PRISON SERVICE



TREATMENT IN PRISONS

Prisoners are entitled to have access to the health services available in the country without discrimination on the grounds.

The state budget finance whole medical services, treatment and drugs

The main source of funding for the health in prison is **Budget Ministry of Justice**

Prison medical staff falls under **Ministry of Justice** and is employed by penitentiary units .

MEDICAL STAFF

- **Medical doctors** – medical prison officers - 105 , civilians 388, sign up workers -919
- **Nurses and midwives** - medical prison officers - 894, civilians 81, sign up workers-88
- **Another health care professionals** – pharmacists, rehabilitation professionals, laboratory diagnosticians, dental higienists, medical secretares (medical prison officers - 134 , civilians -94, sign up workers -68)

PROVIDING HEALTH CARE SERVICES

The fundamental element of the system is GP – a General Practice doctor, which usually is a family medicine specialist. GP is responsible for treatment and prevention of health it's patients. If the patient's condition requires specialized treatment, GP doctor will referral to specialist or hospital. The most frequent medicine specialists employ in prisons are dentists, psychiatrists, neurologists, surgeons.

PROVIDING HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Every prison is equipped with a designated health care unit including, dental surgery and infirmary.

Additionally prisons for women have gynecological surgeries.

THE SCOPE OF ACTIVITY IN 2017

Most common medical intervention by specialisation	In prison	Outside the prison
GP	900 717	38
Dentist	178 654	705
Psychiatrist	70 396	1 605
Neurologist	14 647	1 106
Surgeon	15 938	2 834
Laryngologist	13 112	1 539
Ophthalmologist	15 809	3 782

THE SCOPE OF ACTIVITY IN 2017

The number of patients hospitalized	Infirmary	In prison departments	Outside the prison service
8 144	2 706	5 436	3 186

THE SCOPE OF ACTIVITY IN 2017

- Frequency of health care service assistance:
- In a penitentiary unit – 1 346 194
- In health care units outside the prison service – 36 388

HOSPITAL TREATMENT IN PRISONS

10 hospitals in different parts of the country, with
general (8),
psychiatric (5),
surgical (1),
tuberculosis (2),
gynecology (1),
infectious diseases (1),
chronic (1) and
rehabilitation (1) departments.



If a health condition requires extensive treatment we utilise hospitals for general population.

HIV/AIDS PREVENTION, CARE, TREATMENT AND SUPPORT IN PRISON SETTINGS



Providing prisoners with prevention, care, treatment, and support for HIV/AIDS that is equivalent to that available to people in the community outside of prison. Polish prisons implement the **National Programme for Preventing HIV Infections and Combating AIDS**. The realization of the Programme is directed by the Minister of Health and the National AIDS Centre is the coordinator of the programme implementation.

HIV/AIDS PREVENTION, CARE, TREATMENT AND SUPPORT IN PRISON SETTINGS



Drugs nad testing are financed by Ministry of Health.
Polish prisons in 2017 provide treatment for 365 prisoners
with HIV/AIDS.

3 725 prisoners were tested for HIV infection in 2017.

28 prisoners were diagnosed with HIV for the first time in
prison in 2017

AVAILABILITY OF INTERVENTIONS

Drug dependence treatment, including opioid substitution therapy (OST)

Number of prisoners in 2017 who received OST is 376

Number of patients who received therapy at 31.12.2017 - 135

HIV treatment, care and support (Antiretroviral therapy - ART)

Prevention, diagnosis/screening of tuberculosis (TB)

all prisoners screened for TB

Information, education and communication on HIV, tuberculosis (TB), hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections (STIs)

Diagnosis/screening/vaccination/ treatment of hepatitis B (HBV)

Diagnosis/screening/treatment of hepatitis C (HCV)

INTERVENTION - DIAGNOSIS OF HEPATITIS B (HBV) AND HEPATITIS C (HCV)

	TOTAL number of prisoners SCREENED	Number of POSITIVE results of those screened
Hepatitis B (HBV)	5 893	180
Hepatitis C (HCV)	7 339	687
Another Hepatitis	116	21

INTERVENTION - DIAGNOSIS OF TUBERCULOSIS

TOTAL number of prisoners with tuberculosis	Diagnosed with Tuberculosis for the <u>first time</u>	at 31.12.2017
459	284	104

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