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**To:**

Members of the NDPHS Prison Health Group

Dear all,

At our last meeting in June we agreed to use a questionnaire to collect some information concerning prisons/prison health in the countries connected to the NDPHS. We were told by Lars Møller/WHO that his organisation also wanted to use a questionnaire for information about the situation in the WHO-connected countries.

The Regional Office for WHO sent in August this year a Member State survey for the WHO European Network for Prison and Health to its respective countries. The intention is to analyse the survey and bring the results to the HIPP conference which will take place 18-19 October in Slovakia.

Several of the questions which have been brought forward by the WHO are similar to these which would be of interest for the PH EG. Those of you who are going to take part in the HIPP meeting will probably be informed about the outcome of the abovementioned survey.

I have therefore decided to limit myself concerning a questionnaire and will kindly ask you to answer only a few questions which would be a much importance for the future work of the PH EG. It would be fine if you could complete the attached questionnaire and return it to me before 20 October. We might then have a useful discussion at our meeting 24-25 October in Copenhagen.

Yours sincerely

Ingrid Lycke Ellingsen

# Questionnaire

## 1. **Provision of prison health services**

Which Ministry/Government Department has the responsibility for the prison health service in your country?

Ministry of Health	yes/no
Ministry of Justice	yes/no
Ministry of the Interior	yes/no
Other	yes/no

Are there regular arrangements for joint meetings between Health and Justice/Interior Ministries on issues relating to prison health? yes/no

Do you take part in such meetings? yes/no

## 2. **What are the main problems in your opinion facing the prison and prison health service in your country?**

General conditions (such as: Overcrowding; inadequate sanitary facilities; inadequate space for rehabilitation or recreation; insufficient food provision)

Shortage of financial resources

Shortage of staff, including health care personnel

Lack of facilities for vulnerable groups (such as: women; women accompanied by children; young people; prisoners with serious psychological/psychiatric problems; other groups)

Communicable diseases  
Drugs- and alcohol

Mental ill health problems

Other, *please identify*

3. **Which challenges would you like the PH EG to focus on in the next years?**
  
4. **Do you know of any special projects in your country which you think could be of interest for other countries to copy?**
  
5. **Do you know of any projects on women's health in prison which you would like to bring forward to the PH EG?**
  
6. **We have started preparations for writing a *thematic report* on women's health in prison. Do you have proposals for other thematic reports?**
  
7. **Do you have any advice and comments to the work of the PH EG?**

**Many thanks for your cooperation!**