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Up to 200 Prison Staff Trained on Managing Prisoners with Mental Health Problems



From 7 to 15 February, the Council of Europe and European Union organised training sessions for 8 groups of prison directors and other non-medical personnel of the penitentiary system on managing prisoners with mental health problems. In total, up to 200 participants were trained from different prisons of East as well as West Georgia. Participants learnt about different mental health related issues in prisons, including assessment and treatment approaches with psychiatric patients, medical examination upon admission to prison, psychiatric care and treatment plans, therapeutic and rehabilitative psychosocial activities in prison, etc.



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Increasing the number of trained medical staff on documenting the injuries



On 4-6 February 2017 the Council of Europe Office in Georgia and European Union Delegation organised two day training sessions for the doctors working in the temporary detention isolators of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia.

During the training the participants received the comprehensive knowledge on how to document the injuries inflicted upon the alleged torture and other cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment or punishment of prisoners according to the recently approved instructions for the doctors.

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First Training Programme in Georgia for Psychiatric Nurses



The Council of Europe Office in Georgia and European Union Delegation are assisting the Georgian government in developing the first of its kind of programme in Georgia for psychiatric nurses. A team of international and national experts has developed a first draft of the programme which was discussed with the representatives of the Ministry of Corrections, Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs, Georgian Nurses Association and practitioner doctors and nurses on 9-10 February.

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Support to the Police Academy to enhance learning process for Temporary Detention Isolators' staff



The Head of Council of Europe Office in Georgia and the Rector of Police Academy signed a grant Agreement.

The aim of the support is to develop a distance learning course for the staff of Temporary Detention Isolators. The training program is expected to equip participants with theoretical knowledge in relevant areas (legislative basis, human rights protection standards, healthcare standards, etc.), as well as with practical skills to fulfil their duties.



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Workshop on improving conditions and detainees' access to additional services in police custody



On 23 February 2017, the Council of Europe and the European Union, in cooperation with the Ministry of Internal Affairs, organised a workshop on improving conditions and providing services to the detainees in temporary detention isolators, with participation of representatives of Public Defenders Office, NGOs and international organisations.



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Cascade Training Sessions on Suicide Prevention Programme



Council of Europe Office in Georgia and European Union are continuing cascade training sessions on suicide prevention programme for the staff of penitentiary establishments. Five 3-day training sessions were in different regions of Georgia.

Through this training course, the project aims at supporting successful implementation of the Suicide Prevention Programme in prisons.



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Development of the tools for Suicide Prevention Programme



The Council of Europe Office in Georgia and European Union Delegation are continuing to support the Ministry of Corrections in successful implementation of the Suicide Prevention Programme in prisons. With the purpose of further strengthening the Programme the Council of Europe international consultants developed several tools.

Debriefing tool and protocol aiming at hot and cold debriefing for staff, to minimise stress and burnout were drafted; a form according to which the data related to the suicide as well as suicide attempts will be collected by the local coordinators and the Suicide Prevention Programme managing Council was developed.



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