

Mental health issues in prisons and probation services. Spanish situation.

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THE CONTEXT

- **Different administrations.**
 - Same law but differences in administrative organization.
- **Different Inmate's classification.**
 - Responsible/Non responsible/Less responsible.
- **Different prisons.**
 - Psychiatric Hospitals/Ordinary Regimen Prisons/Open Prisons.

The legal situation

- **Law 16/2003, 28th may, about National Health System.**
 - Sixth Additional Provision.
 - 18 months to **transfer health penitentiary services** to the different community administrations.
- **Case Law. Innocence (non responsible) but dangerous.**
 - Where shall we place these inmates?
 - Where shall they wait the final sentence?

The real situation

- The **legal provision has not been implemented.**
- Mental Health is starting to be a **community issue.**
- Inmate's mental health is still a **penitentiary issue.**
 - *PAIEM Programme.*
 - *Puente Programme.*

The future

- **Step by step.**

- ***Involvement*** of community health services in the treatment of inmates as ordinary citizens.

- **The ideal.**

- ***Non responsible people*** who has committed a crime should not enter penitentiary institutions.

- **The meanwhile.**

- ***Open-minded.*** Findind another approach to mental illness inside and outside prisons.

Thank you!

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