Evaluation of fast access and short-term support units for drug addicted prison leavers

Funding country: France
Project starting year: 2012
Project ending year: 2013
Area(s) of research: Treatment responses, Law enforcement responses

Objectives:
To describe the patterns and conditions of implementation of these fast access and short-term support units for drug addicted prison leavers
To describe the outreached public
To explore possible leverages for the development of such responses, identifying emerging issues (practical, deontological, strategic) raised to date by providers

Scientific discipline(s) involved: History, Sociology

Objectives (native):
-to describe the patterns and conditions of implementation of these fast access and short-term support units for drug addicted prison leavers
-to describe the outreached public
-to explore possible leverages for the development of such responses, identifying emerging issues (practical, deontological, strategic) raised to date by providers

Initial identified needs:
Multiple confinements and failures after their release affect some prison leavers to undergone the necessary preparation for their (re)integration or rehabilitation. Difficulties in accessing to housing or in continuing care deteriorate even more their situation. Prison leavers encounter obstacles which prove to be impartially anticipated during incarceration. In 2009 and 2010, the French National Health Directorate (DGS) and the French Interministerial Mission for the fight against drugs and drug addiction (MILDT) finance four collective housing units (about 10 places each) within medico-social structures, aimed at offering to drug addicted prison leavers a fast and facilitated access to support supplied by drug addiction treatment centres, in connection with the prison-assigned hospitals. In 2012, the DGS and the MILDT jointly commissioned the French Monitoring Centre on Drugs and Drug Addictions (OFDT) to assess the implementation of these experimental services.

Performed by: OFDT (French Monitoring Centre on Drugs and Drug Addictions) - Unit of Public Policies Evaluation
Funded by: OFDT (French Monitoring Centre on Drugs and Drug Addictions)

Summary references:
Website: 
Published reference(s):