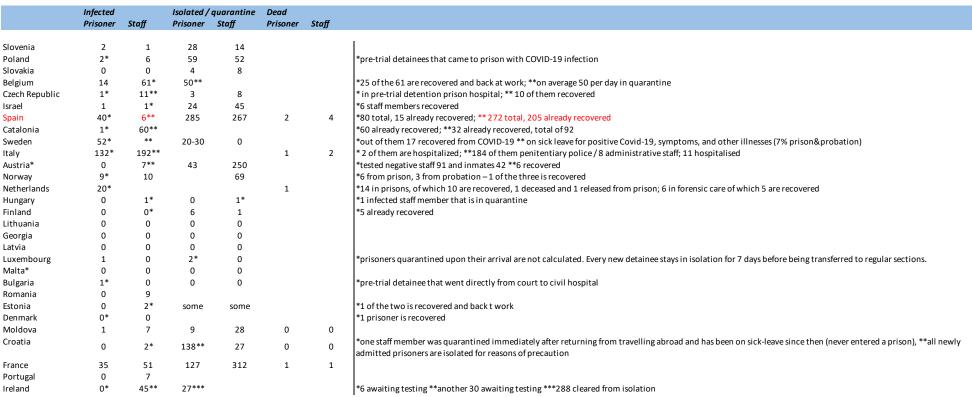


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## Have you used already or did you introduce now remote health consultation?

Poland In Polish prisons during the time of epidemia were introduced remote health consultations

Latvia The Latvian Prison Administration has not introduced the remote health consultations. Doctors and other medical personnel are available on site at each prison.

Estonia In every Estonian prison telemedicine video conferencing was available already before C-19 situation and will be used in the future. Also, every prison has a Medical Department and health consultations are usually delivered in-person, but in case there is a need for a medical specialist who is located in another prison, or outside hospital – the consultation can take place via video conferencing.

Lithuania medical professionals provide remote health consultations, general practitioners/family physicians provide both remote and physical consultations. A general practitioner is free to decide whether he/she needs physical examination of a patient or not. For example, provided a patient ill with a chronic disease addresses a general practitioner to continue medical treatment and indicates no health changes, a general practitioner may continue the medical treatment without a patient's medical examination. This way the physical contacts are limited. Remote health consultations: at the appointed time, the general practitioner or the general practitioner together with the patient contacts the counsellor/medical professional. The general practitioner for the medical professional he/she provides his/her recommendations to the general practitioner for the medical treatment and medical tests to be taken. Later-on he/she provides a written conclusion of the remote medical consultation. In case a medical professional needs to examine a patient or wants to make a medical test him/herself, he/she asks for that patient to be directed to him/her. Challenges: remote medical consultations are possible via telephone only. Medical doctors are not sufficiently provided with technologies therefore they are not able to use teleconsultations.

Northern Ireland Web cams have been implemented in all three Northern Ireland prison establishment healthcare suites and all GP consultations are being done using this remote method. There has been a small number of remote consultations with hospitals and this is something that we want to explore further with our healthcare partners.

Finland In Finland, health services for prisoners are still mainly done on site. In some cases, remote services can be used but not as a general practise. However, the remote health consultation has been recently introduced for the prison, probation and administrative staff concerning their health care services provided by the outside provider.

Czech Republic Remote health consultation: its introduction was discussed within the Prison Service of the Czech Republic during the most severe months of the pandemic (March/April; Skype as the video tool). In the end, the remote health consultations were not applied in practice although we have the technical means for its realization (e.g. Skype video visits became common during the lockdown). Fortunately, Covid19 has not spread within the prison environment and we could supply medical services to the incarcerated population on a common scale without any substantial restrictions.

Romania There were no remote health consultations applied as the medical staff was directly involved in monitoring/permanent consultation of inmates, during this pandemic time. Medical staff is employed by the prison system.