

Promoting Professional Prison Practice



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Child's voice & data collection

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What does engagement with children look like in various countries and how can we allow the child's voice to be heard?

- Not enough to allow children to express their views → support children who have difficulty making their views heard
- Do not mean that the child will be the decision maker

Recommendation CM/Rec(2018)5

Articles 1, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 25, 28, 30, 41, 50

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Article 1

“These children shall be provided with the opportunity for their views to be heard, directly or indirectly, in relation to decisions which may affect them.”

Nothing About Me Without Me

Making decisions for children is an important process and making decisions with children has the potential to improve this process

Data collection regarding the numbers of affected children

- the aim of data collection
- possible ways forward & the impact of our choices
- examples of good practice

Estimation ?

- **2.1 million children in Europe**
- **1 million in the EU**

Recommendation CM/Rec(2018)5

Articles 5, 13, 52, 56

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Article 5

“The prison administration shall endeavour to collect and collate relevant information at entry regarding the children of those detained.”

Data collection has an impact on

- **Measures to treat children with dignity and sensitivity**
- **Preventing and mitigating trauma for children**
- **Motivational possibilities during incarceration**
- **Resocialisation measures after prison**
- **Reduction of recidivism**

Questions

- **Is there data collection (in a statistically evaluable manner)? If yes: What kind of data do you collect (number, age, carer of children) ?**
- **Who does collect the data and how? When in the judicial and penitentiary process ?**
- **How to ensure data protection (GDPR)?**
- **How to keep data updated?**
- **Is there the possibility to extract statistical data ? What is the number of children that were counted in 2019, 2020 ?**

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