

# **Prison Healthcare Performance Update – Quarter 4 2025/26**

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# 1. Performance Achievements

- Health Improvement activity continues to expand across establishments, including outreach harm-reduction work, smoking cessation, oral health improvement and emergency early release engagement.
- The High-Intensity Test & Treat (HITT) achieved 97% in HMP Greenock, continuing our contribution towards eradicating Blood-borne Virus (BBV) in Scotland.
- Lead Advance Nurse Practitioners in post.
- The Liliias team were runners up in the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) Scotland Nurse of the Year Awards in the Mental Health Nursing award.
- Governance and planning structure for working in partnership for the new HMP Glasgow now in place.
- All required evidence submitted for Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Standards.

## 2. Areas for Improvement

- Internal NHS Appointment cancellations remain high due to Prison Officer escorting challenges, lack of room availability, and the Prison regime.
- Oral health waiting times.
- Psychology services have improved referral-to-treatment performance across most sites, although HMP Low Moss remains an area of improvement.

## 3. Future Service Plans and Challenges

### Plans:

- Recruitment of a Clinical Lead.
- Introduction of performance recording framework.
- The Health Improvement team are working on survey engagement within HMP Low Moss and HMP Barlinnie to understand patient experience in relation to the offer of testing including explanation and if they refused why this was. This will run for one month to support service delivery.
- Roll out of revised induction training.

### Challenges:

- High Prison population numbers continues to pose significant challenges despite emergency release.
- Prison regimes continue to pose significant challenges in the delivery of services which has been raised with Governors at HMP Low Moss and HMP Barlinnie.