

Promoting Professional Prison Practice



**European Organisation of Prison
and Correctional Services**

Real Estate Expert Group

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Ljubljana, Slovenia**

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Real Estate Expert Group

Group Membership:

Sweden, Norway, Finland, Belgium, Netherlands,
Slovenia, Turkey, England & Wales and Northern Ireland

Role & Purpose

The role of the group is to develop and exchange specialist knowledge and best practice on Real Estate issues and drive forward shared learning across the prison community

Aims / Considerations :

- Share and Develop best practices approaches
- Support initiatives which contribute towards the well-being of prisoners and staff
- Promote use of Rehabilitative Environments
- Promote Scalable solutions (where practicable) – to suit all budgets
- Exchange Advice & Learning
- Share and resolve Common Challenges

Aims & Objectives - September 2017

- Identify Common Areas of Interest – Topics (future workshop/ reports)
- Produce Two Reports
 - **Designing for Rehabilitation**
 - **Designing for Women**
- Link Real Estate Group with other expert in ICT and Family Relations (now also Education)
- Organise the very first Real Estate Workshop in 2019
- Provide expert advice and information to questions posed by EuroPris members
- Report on the activities of the Group at the EuroPris AGM

Real Estate - Topics for Shared Learning

**Designing for
Rehabilitation**
(Evidence Based Design)

**Designing for
Women**

Technology

**Designing
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/ Cell Design**

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Report - Designing for Rehabilitation

Examines how evidence based design can have a positive impact on mental and physical well-being to support the rehabilitation of individuals and contribute to reducing offending

Design Considerations

- Natural Light
- Green Spaces
- Colour
- Nature
- Views
- Promotion of Social Interaction
- Air Quality
- Sound/ Acoustics
- Materials
- Social Density

Case Studies

- UK (Matter Architecture/ RIBA Research Trust / Innovate UK) alongside MoJ
 - 'Well Being in Prison Design' a Guide
- Netherlands – The Same but different
 - Behavioural Analysis – Nieuwegein
 - Physical Environment – Design Toolkits
- Sweden
 - Literature Review by SPPS Research & Evaluation Unit

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UK



Netherlands



Sweden



Research and Evaluation Unit
Swedish Prison and Probation Service

HOW ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN MATTER FOR PRISON SERVICES: A RAPID REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE

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Scientifically Proven - Access to Green Spaces /Views of Nature

- Conclusively reduce Stress
- Lower levels of frustration
- Reduce feelings of pain (amongst Hospital patients)
- Faster Recovery from medical interventions
- Increased patience and task enthusiasm



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Conclusion

- Growing body of evidence design influences WB
 - Poor understanding of true impact/ benefits
 - Retain individuals for extended periods of time
 - Very Limited Evidence based research
 - Normalised Living Conditions / Independence
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- Applying the Principles
 - One Size does not fit All
 - Balancing Regime / Design
 - Cost / Benefit

Recommendations

- Design Considerations identified within the report should be adopted within prison policies and deployed whenever opportunity arises in the extension, refurbishment or expansion of each countries prison estate.
- Commitment to a co-ordinated research effort to build evidential data, within a prison environment, to strengthen knowledge and ultimately improve outcomes for all those who work or are looked after within our prisons.

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