

Fuse Research Event

Improving primary care for women in prison living with severe mental illness

Tuesday 28 July 2026, 12.30 - 1.30pm

Online event

This event will build on Fuse's existing work in Public Mental Health and is supported by the [Fuse Public Mental Health Research Cluster](#)

About this event

The IP-SIS Study (Improving Primary care Services for imprisoned women with Severe mental illness) is a UK-based research initiative investigating healthcare for women with severe mental illnesses (SMI) in the criminal justice system.

This webinar will bring together researchers, clinicians, policymakers, and women with lived experience to explore how primary care for imprisoned women with SMI can be improved. The session will combine academic evidence with lived experience perspectives to identify key priorities for practice, policy, and future research. It will also provide a space for discussion and knowledge exchange aimed at informing service development and influencing decision-making.

Facilitated by:

Professor Tammi Walker, Professor of Forensic Psychology, Durham University

Professor Carolyn Chew-Graham, Professor of General Practice Research, Keele University

Paula Harriot, CEO, Unlock (charity supporting and advocating for people with criminal records in England and Wales)

The research team will present findings from the IP-SIS study (funded by NIHR Research for Patient Benefit) and share co-produced resources supported by NIHR Three Schools Mental Health Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) grant.

PROGRAMME

12.30 - 12.35	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Dr Susanna Mills, Fuse Public Mental Health Cluster co-lead, Newcastle University</p>
12.35 - 12.45	<p>Summary of findings from IP-SIS study</p> <p>Prof Tammi Walker, Professor of Forensic Psychology, Durham University and Prof Carolyn Chew-Graham, Professor of General Practice Research, Keele University</p>
12.45 - 1.00	<p>Lived Experience Perspectives</p> <p>Paula Harriot, CEO, Unlock</p>
1.00 - 1.10	<p>Introduction to co-produced resources</p> <p>Paula Harriot, CEO, Unlock Prof Tammi Walker, Professor of Forensic Psychology, Durham University and Prof Carolyn Chew-Graham, Professor of General Practice Research, Keele University</p>

1.10 - 1.20	Discussion
1.20 - 1.30	Reflections - what will you do differently?
1.30	Final remarks and closing Prof Tammi Walker and Prof Carolyn Chew-Graham

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