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## The delivery of Cruse Bereavement Support within Prisons



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Aim: to provide an introduction to delivering Bereavement Support work within a prison setting



# Objectives:

- To discuss the setting up and running of a Prison Support Service
- To define and discuss bereavement within the prison context
- To discuss methods of support for working within the prison environment

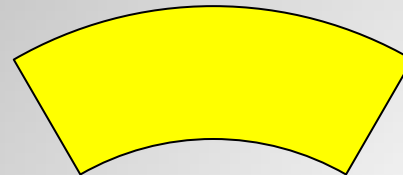


# Mapping the Context of the Service

Three key strands of the Prison Support Service

Coping with  
bereavement  
within the  
prison system

Prisoner



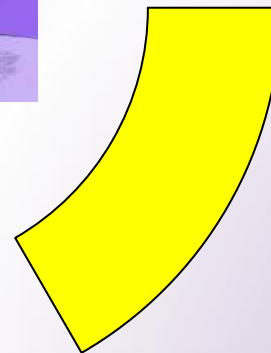
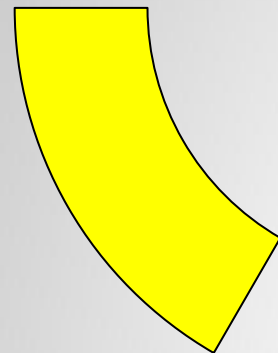
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Providing  
bereavement  
support within the  
prison system



Prison

Working in partnership with the prison



# Objective

To discuss the setting up and running of a  
Prison Support Service



# The setting up and running of a Prison Support Service

*Working in partnership with the prison*

- History of the project
- Where we are now
- Putting together a proposal



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the prison context



# Bereavement within the Prison Context

## *Coping with bereavement within prison*

### What is prison for?

- To punish
- To offer justice to victims of crime
- To make society safer
- To rehabilitate



# Bereavement within the Prison Context

*Coping with bereavement within prison*

What are our  
perceptions about  
prisoners?



# Bereavement within the Prison Context

*Coping with bereavement within prison*

What are the challenges to grieving on the inside?



# Bereavement within the Prison Context

## *Disenfranchised Grief*

...grief that isn't openly acknowledged, isn't socially accepted, or isn't publicly mourned. The relationship, the loss, the griever are unrecognised. The mourners are cut off from social supports and don't get the chance they need to do that grief work, to express their grief, and reach a resolution stage.



# Bereavement within the Prison Context

## *Coping with bereavement within prison*

- Confidentiality in the prison context
- Establishing trust
- Engaging with the prisoner
- Unpredictability of prison regime



# Objective

To discuss methods of support for working within the prison environment



# Support within the prison environment

## *Providing volunteer support*

- Attracting volunteers
- Training and induction



# Support within the prison environment

## *Supporting volunteers in service delivery*

- Supervision / Coordinator's role
- In service training
- Practical support



# Support within the prison environment

## *Supporting the service within the prison*

- Raising the profile of Cruse
- Education of prison staff
- Interagency links
- Practical day-to-day running of the service



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