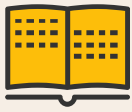


Healthcare Access

Many offenders have a high level and complexity of health needs, but often do not access healthcare until crisis point

Our systematic review of the research literature identified the following barriers:

Barriers



Low levels of literacy and health literacy (Donnelle and Hall, 2014)



Offenders often are not registered with GPs (Lang et al., 2014)



Complexity of offenders' health needs (NHS England, 2016)



Competing priorities such as a need for employment and housing make it hard to focus on health (Plugge et al., 2014)



Financial barriers (Marlow et al., 2010; Owens et al., 2011)



Uncaring professional demeanour and stigma (Donnelle and Hall, 2014, Marlow et al., 2010)



Inadequate service provision and commissioning not being informed by assessing offenders' health needs (Plugge et al., 2014; Marlow et al., 2010)



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