

Prison overcrowding - THE CONSEQUENCES

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The CONSEQUENCES of Prison Overcrowding in the EU

- # Greater risks of the spread of infectious diseases for prisoners and for prison staff
- # Greater risk of bullying, violence and suicides in prisons
- # Increased stress and isolation of prison staff
- # Prison Officers reduced to role of 'enforcer' as space for rehabilitation programmes cut
- # High turnover of healthcare staff. Lack of experience means more security risks and more health risks
- # Increased risk as 'brutalised prisoners' return to society

Interesting fact! In Scotland, the life expectancy of prison guards is 58 years-old, 15 years below the national average.

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