The Health of Australia’s Prisoners: At a Glance

- 1 in 5 people entering prison had a parent who had also been in prison.
- 54% were unemployed before prison.
- 2 in 5 people entering prison had dependent children.
- 1 in 3 people were homeless before entering prison.
- 89% said they had a health assessment when they entered prison.
- 34% of people entering prison were at a high risk of alcohol-related harm.
- 85% of women entering prison had been pregnant at some stage in their lives, the average age at first pregnancy was 19yrs old.
- 2 in 3 used illicit drugs in the year before prison.
- 16% injected drugs in prison.
- 75% of people going to prison were smokers.
- 2% of those about to leave prison felt prepared.
- 88% had a medicare card available upon release from prison.
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