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Maintain physical security and order in custodial environments

| Overview | This standard is about monitoring the physical security of the custodial environment, observing individuals in custody, identifying potential breaches of security and order, and dealing effectively with breaches when they occur. |

Monitoring may be direct or indirect through electronic means. It will cover normal activities and moving individuals within the custodial environment as well as, activities outside the custodial environment and dealing with visitors. Breaches of security and order can involve damage to fabric, aggression against others and other forms of misconduct.

There are two elements

1   Monitor physical security of custodial environments
2   Identify and respond to breaches of security and order

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Performance criteria	**Monitor physical security of custodial environments**

You must be able to:

P1   check all physical aspects of custodial environments are secure and in good working order in accordance with your organisation's procedures

P2   check individuals in custody use facilities in accordance with your organisation's procedures

P3   carry out patrols to agreed standard of vigilance and security awareness

P4   carry out random checks of physical security to agreed standard of vigilance and security awareness

P5   ensure all security areas are clear of unauthorised individuals and items in accordance with your organisation's procedures

P6   use security equipment in accordance with your organisation's procedures

P7   collate information that has security implications in accordance with your organisation's procedures

P8   deal with individuals in accordance with their rights and your organisation's procedures

P9   identify changes in mood and behaviour amongst individuals and groups in accordance with your organisation's procedures

P10   assess all information for security implications in accordance with your organisation's procedures

P11   complete required records in accordance with your organisation's procedures

Identify and respond to breaches of security and order

You must be able to:

P12   identify breaches of security and order in accordance with your organisation's procedures

P13   assess extent of breaches in accordance with your organisation's procedures

P14   respond to breaches in accordance with your organisation's procedures, and:

       P14.1   report on their implications for the security of custodial environments

P15 establish dialogue with individuals involved in breaches in accordance with your organisation's procedures

P16 give verbal caution before taking actions in accordance with your organisation's procedures

P17 assess risks of further breaches in accordance with your organisation's procedures, and:

P17.1 take appropriate action to minimise any risks

P18 report need for assistance with breaches within organisational timescales

P19 assess individuals concerned with breaches in accordance with your organisation's procedures

P20 report individuals concerned with breaches following advice from relevant people in accordance with your organisation's procedures

P21 limit your actions to necessary level to restore order and maintain security in accordance with your organisation's procedures

P22 prepare recommendations for minimising breaches in accordance with your organisation's procedures where requested

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

K1   organisational procedures for security situations, including:

    K1.1   patrolling

    K1.2   potential breaches of order

K2   different types of security systems commonly used and how to check them for correct operation

K3   different types of electronic and audio-visual monitoring systems commonly used in custodial environments

K4   how to operate electronic and audio-visual technology and check systems for correct operation

K5   parts of the fabric of buildings that present security risks and how to check them

K6   agreed procedures for use of premises and other facilities by individuals in custody

K7   common types of security areas in custodial environments

K8   the types of individuals and items not authorised to be in security areas

K9   how to monitor common types of temporary structures and their security risks

K10   records that you must keep about physical security and how to complete them

K11   who to pass records to within the organisation

K12   observation techniques

K13   the importance of careful vigilance when monitoring individuals in custody

K14   when to report the need for medical assistance

K15   mood and behaviour patterns amongst individuals being monitored and the effects of substance misuse

K16   group dynamics amongst individuals being monitored and the effects of peer group pressures

K17   how to assess security implications based on changes in mood and behaviour

K18   agreed procedures for monitoring communications between individuals in

custody and visitors and the relevant legal requirements

K19 how to assess risks of further breaches taking place

K20 the rights of individuals in custody

K21 disciplinary procedures

K22 the importance of seeking advice before taking formal actions

K23 the importance of assessing breaches for wider security implications and reporting these

K24 the importance of finding possible solutions to breaches in relation to wider security

K25 the importance of establishing a dialogue with individuals involved and how to do so

K26 how to deal with individuals not involved in breaches

K27 types of actions you can take for different breaches and how to select one that is appropriate

K28 the importance of giving verbal cautions before using physical force

K29 approved restraint techniques and how to apply them

K30 how to identify when medical assistance is required and how to request it

Additional Information

Glossary

Relevant people can refer to individuals, others relevant or significant to individuals, staff in your own agency including investigating teams or staff from other agencies.

Physical custodial care environment refers to all aspects of the physical environment within custodial settings including locks, bolts, alarms, fabric of building, walls and windows.

Organisational procedures can include prison service instructions, prison policies, legislative policies and any other policies and procedures used across custodial care in the UK.

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