| | Questionnaire Council of Europe/COPE* | Council of Europe / Children of Prisoners Europe Questionnaire to Member States on child-friendly prison practices March 2017 | | | | |
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| | POLICY / PRACTICE | This is implemented in your prisons, wholly in all prisons, partially or not at all | You do not implement, but would like to | You would like support from an NGO in implementing this, and prison contact information for NGO to use if relevant | Comments—particularly about examples of good practice, challenges, etc. | |
| | | Please reply Y (Yes), N (No) or P (Partially), except for question 24 which requires numerical values. | | | | |
| | Children visiting prison | | | | | |
| | Are children authorised to visit an imprisoned parent within a week following the arrest and, on a regular and frequent basis, from then on? | | | | | |
| 2 | Are restrictions that are imposed on contact between prisoners and the outside world implemented in a way that respects the child's right to contact with their separated parent under the UNCRC? | | | | | |
| 3 | Are visits organised so as not to interfere with school attendance (i.e., six days a week, including afternoons, Sundays, public holidays)? | | | | | |
| 4 | Are security checks carried out in a child-sensitive manner that respects children's dignity and privacy? | | | | | |
| 5 | Are children granted visits with their parents that offer privacy, when necessary and in specific circumstances? (e.g., when child needs extra reassurance, death in the family, etc.)? | | | | | |
| 6 | Is a designated children's space provided in all prison waiting rooms (e.g., bottle warmer, changing table, toys, crayons, games)? | | | | | |
| 7 | Do prison visits facilities provide child-friendly space that allows for personal contact, and an environment conducive to play and interaction between children and their prisoner-parents? | | | | | |
| 8 | Is age-appropriate information about visiting procedures and rules (e.g., what can be taken to visits, security procedures) in relevant languages readily available to visitors? | | | | | |
| 9 | Is it possible for children to learn more about their parent's life in prison and, when feasible and in the child's best interest, visit or see photographs of areas in which their imprisoned parent spends time (e.g., cafeteria, recreation rooms, workshops, places of worship, parent's sleeping accommodation)? | | | | | |
| 10 | Are arrangements for child-parent activities made on a regular basis, not attributed as "rewards" for prisoner's good behaviour? | | | | | |
| 11 | Do prisons have designated "children's and/or family officer", specifically trained to support children during visits? | | | | | |
| 12 | Is systematic use of telephone technology and IT (e.g., videoconferencing, mobile telephone systems, Internet, including webcam and chat functions) allowed when face to face meetings between the imprisoned parent and children prove difficult to arrange? | | | | | |
| 13 | Do prison rules/practice allow for special leaves of absence for imprisoned parents for significant events in the lives of children (e.g., birthday, first day of school, hospitalisation)? | | | | | |
| 14 | Is there support available for visitors' journeys to prison (e.g., financial support, placement in prison geographically accessible to children and families)? | | | | | |
| 15 | Is proximity to /accessibility for visiting by the prisoner's family a consideration in placement in particular prisons? | | | | | |
| 16 | Are parenting programmes that encourage the development of constructive parent- child relationships offered in prisons? | | | | | |
| 17 | Do family advisory groups provide feedback, evaluation and guidance on how to improve facilities, procedures and children's experience of prison visits? | | | | | |
| | Prison staff and staff training | | | | | |
| 18 | Is training provided for all relevant prison personnel on how a parent's imprisonment and the prison setting can impact on dependent children and on how to make visits child friendly? | | | | | |
| 19 | Are specialised and trained staff present in child-friendly facilities during visits? | | | | | |

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| 20 | Is training available for relevant staff on how to support the child-prisoner parent | | | Member States on child-friendly prison practices |
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| | Data collection | | | |
| 21 | Is information collected about the number and age of children whose parents have been imprisoned? | | | |
| 22 | Are enquiries made to ascertain who is caring for children in lieu of the parent in custody? | | | |
| 23 | Are statistics on children of prisoners made available for public use? | | | |
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| | Children living with parents in prison | | | |
| 24a | | | | |
| | How many children are currently living with parents in prison? | | | |
| 24b | Up until what age can they live with the parent? | | | |
| 25 | Are imprisoned mothers/fathers and their children separate from the rest of prison population? | | | |
| 26 | Are all of your facilities for children living with mothers /fathers designed specifically to accommodate for children? | | | |
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| | Review | | | |
| 27 | Is the implementation of child-friendly practices as described above reviewed at least every two years? | | | |
| 28 | Is there a standing committee meeting at least twice each year involving children's ombudsperson, prison authorities and NGOs, if relevant, to consider matters relating to children of prisoners and prisons? | | | |
| | *With acknowledgement to Children of Imprisoned Parents [report by The Danish Institute for Human Rights, European Network for Children of Imprisoned Parents, University of Ulster, Bambinisenzasbarre, 2011] and the Italian Memorandum of Understanding, between The Ministry of Justice, The National Ombudsman for Childhood and Adolescence, Bambinisenzasbarre ONLUS, March 2014 | | | |