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LPT healthcare at HMP Leicester is safe and effective - CQC

Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspectors have confirmed that healthcare provided at HMP Leicester by Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) is safe and effective.

LPT provides a range of physical and mental healthcare services at the Welford Road prison, which houses up to 400 inmates.

These include psychiatry, psychology, crisis intervention and counselling, along with physical health support such as dentistry, optical care, podiatry, minor injuries, therapies, vaccinations, sexual health and support to quit smoking.

The CQC published its report after a focused inspection in April 2016 following up a visit in October 2015.

Key findings were:

- Patients received appropriate person-centred care and treatment
- Records, assessments and care plans were detailed.
- Staffing levels across primary healthcare and primary mental healthcare, including the use of regular psychiatry staff, had increased
- Patients' needs were better assessed; care was planned and delivered in the most appropriate way
- Care planning for patients with complex healthcare needs and mental health needs had improved

Adrian Childs, chief nurse at LPT, welcomed the CQC report. He said: "We have worked hard to improve our services for prisoners at HMP Leicester, including increasing staffing levels, and we are pleased that the CQC inspectors' findings reflect our commitment to safe and effective healthcare."

“We work very closely with the prison service and our aim is always to ensure people have access to the same quality of care that is available to them in the community.”

You can [read the report](#) online at <http://www.cqc.org.uk>

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) provides a range of health and wellbeing services mainly for people living Leicester, Leicestershire and. Trust serves a population of one million, has a budget in excess of £267 million and employs approximately 5,400 staff. For more information visit

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