

**Her Majesty’s Prison and Probation Service**

**Transforming Delivery in Prison (TDiP)**

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**Prisoner Wellbeing Fund**

As part of the national safety team’s work on prisoner wellbeing, we are providing you with further funding to support prisoner wellbeing over Christmas and into the New Year, set again at £10 per prisoner. As you are aware there is considerable concern about the impact that the Covid restrictions continue to have on the wellbeing of prisoners and the festive period can be a particularly difficult time for people in prison.

You will be able to purchase items from this dedicated fund to help support prisoners’ wellbeing by keeping them occupied and engaged according to local need. For example, educational materials, sleep aids, audio books, painting by numbers, craft activities, and blankets to help with the extra ventilation)**.** The items must be ordered, received, and receipted by 31 March 2022.

Staff should use the attached form to submit details of what has been ordered and return it to the central finance team: centralFBP@justice.gov.uk , copied to the national safety team SaferCustodyPolicyandLearning@justice.gov.uk so that we can keep a record of items purchased for safety learning purposes. **Please note, there is no approvals process, prisons should purchase the items as an approved overspend.**

The attached form is designed to be used:

1. as a prompt, but not an exhaustive list, of what could be purchased. We know that through consultation you will determine what items your population will value and would like more of.
2. as a central record of what was purchased to improve the wellbeing of prisoners.

We ask that you consider with your prison team, including your prisoners, what would provide the most positive wellbeing benefits. We would also welcome a summary of anything that you already have in place which you consider as good practice which we can share with others as part of the safety learning. Examples of items that were purchased from the earlier wellbeing funding exercise are attached for information as well as an FAQ document.

If you have any queries please contact Jane Bailey, Prison Safety Team (jane.bailey1@justice.gov.uk) or call 07773 080321.

Yours sincerely



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