

FEMALE PRISONERS' HEALTH PERSPECTIVE AND HEALTH SERVICE PROVISION IN FEMALE PRISON, SEMARANG, CENTRAL JAVA

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ABSTRACT

Background: Health is a universal fundamental human right. Likewise, health as well as access to health care is basic human right for prisoners. This study aimed to describe the health perspective, health status, and health care provision at female prison in Semarang, Central Java.

Subjects and Method: This was an embedded qualitative study conducted at female prison in Semarang, Central Java, in November 2018. The key informants included 4 female prisoners, a polyclinic doctor, and prison master. Data were collected by in-depth interview and direct observation.

Results: There were common perceptions between prisoners, doctor, and head master concerning health care for prisoners, health personnel provision, financing for out-patient and in-patient health care, referral service, personal hygiene, health facilities, the need to maintain health, etc. However, there was some difference in the belief concerning health care service to be provided, drug effectiveness, and the suitability of drug provided and the complaints put forward by the prisoners. The lack of health personnel was found to be an important issue.

Conclusion: There were some common perspectives as well as different perspective regarding the need for health care facilities between female prisoners, doctor, and prison master.

Keywords: health care service, female prisoners, doctor, prison master

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