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Investigating prisoner health in the pandemic

A social journalism project hosted by Croakey Health Media will investigate prisoner health concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic, thanks to a grant awarded by the Judith Neilson Institute for Journalism and Ideas.

The $16,000 grant will support a team of freelance journalists, writers and data visualisation designers.

They are: Amy McQuire, Dr Megan Williams, Dr Tess Ryan, Marie McInerney, Cate Carrigan and Mitchell Ward.

Other writers and researchers will also contribute to the #JusticeCOVID project, which will include a series of articles published at Croakey.org, podcasts, and a social media strategy, using Twitter and the rotated, curated account, @WePublicHealth.

Dr Tess Ryan says the grant is an opportunity to collate important information and commentary on prisoner health during this crisis, investigating what measures are being taken to support and protect incarcerated peoples.

“In a time where a more equitable society – ‘all in the same boat’ – is being presented as rhetoric, the need for transparency and debate into incarceration needs to be addressed,” she says.

Other media organisations and publishers are invited to contact info@Croakey.org if interested in cross-publishing articles from the project.

About Croakey

Croakey is a social journalism initiative focussing on health and encompassing issues that are poorly served by the mainstream media, such as the social determinants of health, health inequalities, the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, climate change and health, rural and remote health, and health policy more broadly.

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