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Table 13.1: Table of studies drawn upon and participants

Name of Study	COPING: Children of Prisoners Interventions and Mitigations to Strengthen Mental Health	Mothering from the inside: narratives of mothers in prison	A small scale evaluation of Acorn House	A pilot study: understanding the role of grandparents in caring for children of prisoners.
Aims	To enhance understanding of the mental health needs of children of prisoners; explore childhood resilience and coping strategies and assess the value of these concepts for planning interventions; bring together European and international perspectives to investigate the nature and extent of mental health problems affecting children in this group; to identify relevant and effective policy interventions to ameliorate the mental health implications for affected children; to raise the awareness of policy makers to the needs of this under-researched group.	To explore critically how women construct understandings of mothering and imprisonment. To develop a narrative framework for understanding 'disrupted' mothering among women prisoners.	To provide a 360 degree evaluation of Acorn House, an overnight visiting facility within a women's prison, collecting feedback from mothers in prison, their children, their children's carers and prison personnel.	To gain insight into the nature of relationships between imprisoned parents, their children, and grandparents caring for their children.
Methodology and method	Child-centred methodology; a positive psychology approach; mixed methods, multi-sequential design; questionnaires and interviews.	Narrative methodology. Women centred methodology. Narrative interviews.	Child-centred methodology. Women centred methodology. Semi structured interviews.	Women centred methodology. Focus groups. One to one interviews.
Criteria and sample	Children aged between 7 and 17 years, their imprisoned parents, non-imprisoned parents and their carers. Across all four countries: Children of imprisoned parents (n=161); Carer/ parent of child of imprisoned; parent (n=123); Imprisoned parent (n=65)	Women serving or previously served a prison sentence who self identified as being a mother during their sentence. Mothers in prison (n = 15); Mothers previously served a prison sentence (n = 2)	Women currently serving a sentence who had used the overnight visiting facility with their child[ren], their children and their children's carers. Mothers (n = 5); Children (n=4); Carers (n = 4); Prison staff (n=7).	Imprisoned parents who have children being cared for by grandparents and their children's carers/grandparents. Mothers (n = 10); Grandparents (n=4).
Participants cited in this chapter	Parent in prison; Andrew, Pete, Mark, Craig, Robert, Chris, Richard, Tom, Matthew. Child with a parent in prison; Liam, Connor, Becky.	Mother in prison; Fi , Lauren, Rose, Louise, Celia, Penny, Clare.	Child of mother in prison; Katie, Kelsy Carer of child with mother in prison; Kelsy.	Mother in prison; Donna, Lisa.
Full reference and findings reported in:	Jones, A. and Wainaina-Wozna, A. (2013) Children of prisoners: interventions and mitigations to strengthen mental health. The University of Huddersfield. Available at: http://eprints.hud.ac.uk/18019/1/ChildrenOfPrisonersReport-final.pdf	Lockwood, K. (2013) 'Mothering from the inside: narratives of women in prison'. Doctoral thesis. University of Huddersfield. Available at: < http://eprints.hud.ac.uk/19282/ >	Raikes, B. and Lockwood, K. (2011) 'Mothering from the Inside: a small scale evaluation of Acorn House, an overnight child contact facility at HMP Askham Grange'. <i>Prison Service Journal</i> . No.194. Pp19-26.	Pilot study – findings and full reference not yet available