Abstract:

This bachelor thesis’s theme is Harm Reduction in prisons. It is focused on pilot project of condom distribution in custodial prison Praha Pankrác, which should be set off due to cooperation of the National monitoring centre for drugs and addiction with HA-REACT. The aim of this project is to decrease incidence of infectious diseases in prisons. Incidence of these diseases (mainly HIV and hepatitis C) is still increasing and its transmission is mostly common in the group of men having sex with men and in the group of people who inject drugs. These groups make the biggest part of inmates in prison.

The aim of this thesis is to phrase a recommendation how to run this project of condom distribution the best, the main goal is to state the best form of condom distribution. This thesis also assesses the most common concerns claimed about this programme, which are mostly concerns about the increase of sexual violence or sexual behaviour in general. The last aim is to find out, how the evaluation of project like this should look.

Meta-analysis was chosen to fulfil these aims and three evaluations of pilot projects of condom distribution were analysed. These projects took place in Australia (New South Wales) and in the United States of America (San Francisco, Vacaville).

The result of this analysis is recommendation for pilot project, which will take place in custodial prison Praha Pankrác. The best way to distribute condoms is using the vending machine. The staff does not need to be afraid of increase of violence or abuse of condoms in any way. Evaluation of project like this is complicated; however the ideal way seems to be combination of paper survey and face to face survey.