Prefectures sign agreements with local health authorities for social and health care of applicants for international protection

Memoranda of understanding for social and healthcare of migrants and applicants for international protection was signed by Prefecture of Viterbo and Perugia and the respective local health authority. The agreements define tasks, methodologies and coordination between institutions, health services and reception facilities, with the aim of promoting timely access to care, identifying potential vulnerabilities early and ensuring the continuity of healthcare.

in Viterbo, the model involves the coordination of the local health authority's Territorial Operations Centre with the Prefecture and Police Headquarters, and the involvement of local clinics, community centres, and Continuity Care Units, including those within reception facilities.

Specifically, for ordinary arrivals and those registered by the police, an initial health check is scheduled within 24 hours (or a maximum of 72 hours). Special attention is given to minors, pregnant women, families with children, and individuals with physical or psychological disabilities, including through cultural mediation. The protocol also regulates preliminary health checks for individuals subject to an expulsion order.

In Perugia, the agreement defines shared procedures between institutions and healthcare facilities, with the aim of ensuring timely assessment of migrants' health conditions, identifying any potential vulnerabilities, and adopting, where necessary, measures to protect public health.

In this context, particular attention is paid to the early identification of vulnerable people, including those with specific health, psychological or assistance needs.

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