

**Independent Prison Monitoring Bulletin**  
**HMP Addiewell**  
**April to September 2018****7 Independent  
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Requests****Key Findings**

- **Staffing Levels:** During this monitoring period Independent Prison Monitors (IPMs) were told on quite a few occasions that there were not enough staff on shift to make sure people got to the places they need to be, such as healthcare appointments. The Monitoring Team raised this at a recent meeting with the Director.
- **Restricted Regime:** Some people have told IPMs that they are being kept locked in their cells for long periods of time as they are not being held on halls that provide access to a full regime.
- **Health Requests on Kiosk:** This has been raised with IPMs because some people have found that there isn't enough space to type details of medical conditions. IPMs have also been told that it can take a long time to fill in the requested information, which can mean a longer wait for other people wanting to use the kiosk.
- **Prison Policies and Procedures:** IPMs have looked at some of the policies and procedures in place in HMP Addiewell, along with the paperwork, to find out if they are being followed properly.

**Updates and Actions**

- **Staffing Levels:** The Director told IPMs that there had been some challenges in making sure staffing levels were at the level required to ensure the regime ran smoothly. He told IPMs what actions had been agreed to address this and what the timescales were. Everyone was in agreement that this is a priority and IPMs will continue to monitor progress.
- **Restricted Regime:** The number of people affected by this has fallen, but the establishment agree further progress needs to be made. Discussions are taking place with the Chief Inspector of Prison for Scotland on this matter and IPMs will continue to monitor this matter.
- **Health Requests on Kiosk:** IPMs have been told that the health request form on the kiosk will be changed so that people won't have to type in details of a medical condition. However, any details that can be added are helpful to the health team as it helps them to prioritise requests. IPMs think this change will improve the process and help to make things easier.
- **Prison Policies and Procedures:** IPMs looked at the processes in place covering the use of force and restraint. The paperwork IPMs asked to see was clear and the actions taken had been recorded. IPMs could see that, on each occasion a resident had been restrained, they had been seen by a medical professional following the restraint. IPMs thought this was an area of good practice.

**IPM Focus in the Next Quarter**

- **Additional Visits:** Following the forthcoming inspection of HMP Addiewell, IPMs will put together a monitoring plan of action following the publication of the report.