



**HMIPS**

HM Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland  
INSPECTING AND MONITORING

## Independent Prison Monitoring Bulletin HMP Barlinnie April – June 2019

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**9 Independent  
Prison Monitors**



**15 Prison  
Monitoring Visits**



**39 Prisoner  
Requests**

### Key Findings

**Overcrowding and impact on regime:** Concerns remain around the overcrowding of the whole prison estate, but this is particularly acute at Barlinnie. Too many prisoners at Barlinnie are still not being offered a proper regime with adequate time out of cell.

**Reception:** As per previous bulletins, the reception area remains a significant concern. The holding cells are not fit for purpose, and the IPM team continue to raise this issue with the Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland.

**Throughcare:** The IPM team were disappointed to learn that the throughcare service is being suspended. Whilst the IPM team understand the reasons for this and that it was not a decision that has been made locally, we hope it will be reinstated, and that in the interim efforts will be made to ensure prisoners still receive support to help their transition out of prison.

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### Updates and Actions:

The IPMs will be aiming to take a more proactive approach to monitoring, and will be trying to speak to a wider variety of prisoners during the next quarter, by talking to people who have not put in a request to see us.

Barlinnie was inspected at the end of August and the issues above were taken into account by inspectors.

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### IPM Focus in the Next Quarter

In the next quarter IPMs will continue to focus on:

- Overcrowding/Population
- Reception area
- Equalities and Diversity