

**Independent Prison Monitoring Bulletin**
HMP Barlinnie
July-Sept 2019**8 Independent
Prison Monitors****16 Prison
Monitoring Visits****27 Prisoner
Requests****Key Findings:**

Time out of cell: Access to regular and consistent time out of cell for both activities and recreation has been a major concern at Barlinnie for some time. IPMs are aware that there are shortcomings in this being offered to all prisoners. This has been raised with the management team. The IPM team have asked for further detail to be provided on the regime, and how decisions are made to restrict recreation time to ensure it is fair to all prisoners.

Reception: As per previous bulletins, the reception area remains a significant concern. The holding cells are not fit for purpose, and the IPM team have continuously raised this with the Prison Management, the SPS and the Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland. Following the recent inspection IPMs are hopeful urgent action will be taken, and will keep you updated.

Adapted cells: The IPM team are increasingly concerned about the lack of adapted cells for prisoners who require them. Due to overcrowding at Barlinnie, too many prisoners are in cells that are unsuitable for their needs. The IPM team are again escalating these concerns and hope action will be taken.

Updates and Actions:

The IPM team will be speaking to prisoners about how they would most like to be contacted, and how general findings from the IPM should be shared with prisoners.

IPM Focus in the Next Quarter:

In the next quarter, IPMs will continue to focus on:

- Reception area
- Equalities and Diversity
- Time out of cell