



HMIPS

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Independent Prison Monitoring Bulletin
HMP YOI Cornton Vale
October to December 2019



**8 Independent
Prison
Monitors**



**16 Prison
Monitoring
Visits**



**13 Prisoner
Requests**

Key Findings

Progression: This has been raised with Monitors this quarter in terms of being offered places in the National Top End.

Skye House: Monitors have been told that the tests on the water have come back clear and that and more are due to take place.

Transport: Monitors have been told this has improved a little but there are still matters that need to be addressed by GEOAmev.

New Establishment: Now the contract for the next stages of the build has been awarded, Monitors have been told work should start soon.

Updates and Actions

Progression: Monitors have been told that, at the moment, the National Top End is full and has a waiting list due to there being an increased demand for spaces across the female estate. . In the meantime, places are being offered at HMP Greenock where possible, which Monitors think is a reasonable compromise.

Skye House: Women will be moved back to Skye House as soon as is possible if all the necessary tests come back clear.

Transport: This is something Monitors will continue to look at and findings will be shared with the Chief Inspector of Prisons.

New Establishment: Monitors are pleased to see plans moving towards the new establishment being built.

IPM Focus in the Next Quarter:

Focus Groups: HMIPS are keen to find out how prison monitoring is working for women in Cornton Vale. There will be a couple of focus groups held in Cornton Vale to discuss this but also in other establishments that accommodate women. Monitors are looking forward to hearing your opinion.