

**Independent Prison Monitoring Bulletin**
HMP Edinburgh
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- **Population Management:** For quite a while now the Monitoring Team and the HMIPS Inspection Team have been raising the issue of some populations being locked in cells for long periods of time. In order to address this and to make sure people have access to the open air everyday some populations have been moved to different locations within the establishment.
- **Cell Sharing Assessments:** This quarter the topic of cell sharing assessments was brought to Monitors attention.
- **Purposeful Activity:** Following the full inspection of HMP Edinburgh in March 17 the programme of activity available in the gym was highlighted in that it did not offer suitable options to all of the prison populations.

Updates and Actions

- **Population Management:** The changes to where people are located should result in an improved regime to being offered to everyone. Monitors noted that there are some on-going practical matters, such as repairs being completed, and that there are still some people, although much reduced in number that have a restricted regime. Monitors think that this has been a positive move by the establishment to address a long standing issue, but they noted there is still further work to be done to make sure everyone has access to a full regime.
- **Cell Sharing Assessments:** Monitors found that on one occasion a person who smoked had been accommodated with a person who did not smoke. The detail Monitors received from Senior Management was that unless there was consent from the non-smoker that they are happy with that arrangement, smokers and non-smokers should not be sharing a cell.
- **Purposeful Activity:** Monitors have been to the gym to look at the new timetable and what was being offered. Monitors were pleased to see that there were classes/activities better targeted to different populations. Monitors will continue to monitor how the new programme progresses.

IPM Focus in the Next Quarter

- **Additional Visits:** The high number of requests Monitors receive in HMP Edinburgh makes it harder for the monitoring team to look at different aspects of life in the prison. In order to try and resolve this, Monitors will aim to do one extra visit a month concentrating on broader aspects of life in the establishment.