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**8 Independent
Prison Monitors**



**29 Prison
Monitoring Visits**



**66 Prisoner
Requests**

Key Findings

Transfers:

There have been a number of requests received during the quarter regarding transfers. On investigation, the system seems to be operating well given the constraints across the Scottish Prison Service due to the high population, which makes moving prisoners for courses more challenging.

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 is 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.

Visits:

During monitoring visits the IPM team have been impressed with the visits facilities, and the atmosphere in the visits hall. They were pleased to hear about other plans for visits, including the possibility of family visits taking place in the garden area.

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.

IPM Focus in the Next Quarter

In the next quarter IPMs will continue to focus their monitoring and observations on:

- Progression
- Overcrowding/Population