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HM Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland  
INSPECTING AND MONITORING

**Independent Prison Monitoring Bulletin**  
**HMP Grampian**  
**July to September 2019**



**8 Independent  
Prison  
Monitors**



**18 Prison  
Monitoring  
Visits**



**26 Prisoner  
Requests**

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## Key Findings

- **Personal safety:** IPMs observed examples of management plans for prisoners in the SRU. These were found to be comprehensive, and SRU staff demonstrated awareness of the needs of these prisoners. IPMs concluded that prisoners in the SRU were treated well.
- **Purposeful activity:** IPMs welcome the introduction of gym sessions for over 30s as a great example of an inclusive approach towards both purposeful activity and wellbeing. IPMs were however concerned to hear that staff had been removed from the Programme Unit for 'operational reasons'. With rehabilitation being a key focus for prisoners, a fully functioning Programme Unit is essential.
- **Organisational effectiveness:** IPMs were pleased to hear about the virtual courts, which run from the prison a couple of times per week. Officers find it fast and effective and prisoners can 'attend' court hearings without having to make long journeys in prisoner transport vans.
- **Health and wellbeing:** IPMs were concerned to hear that night time medication in Banff Hall was being administered at around 15:30. IPMs do however welcome the recent introduction of a 21:00 meds round for all prisoners who are on sedative medication.

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## Updates and Actions

- **Organisational effectiveness - Staffing:** IPMs welcome the introduction of new staff members and the on-going contribution of detached duty support. IPMs also welcome the on-going review of regimes.

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## IPM Focus in the Next Quarter

- **Staffing:** IPMs will monitor the opportunities available to prisoners through the various regimes across the establishment.
- **Health and Wellbeing:** IPMs will continue to monitor NHS staffing levels and how it relates to access to healthcare services, and will also look at the efficiency of the medication rounds.