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**NEWS RELEASE**  
**SECOND RETURN VISIT TO HMP & YOI GRAMPYAN 1-3 OCTOBER 2019**  
**TO REVIEW HEALTHCARE PROVISION**

HMIPS undertook a full inspection of HMP YOI Grampian on 4-15 February 2019. During the inspection, a number of concerns were raised regarding the provision of healthcare within the establishment. The potential risk associated with these concerns was such that Standard 9, Health and Wellbeing, was graded as poor. The concerns were considered to be significant and were therefore formally escalated to the Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership (the Partnership), HMP YOI Grampian's healthcare manager and the prison Governor for action. Full details of this can be found in the [full inspection report](#).

The Partnership were asked to provide Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) with an improvement action plan, and were advised that HIS would carry out a return visit towards the end of 2019. Following receipt of the action plan, HIS met with the Partnership to discuss in more depth how they planned to drive forward the agreed improvement action plan. Following receipt of the Partnership's 2019 annual self-evaluation, HIS met with them again to discuss progress.

In October 2019, HMIPS, supported by inspectors from HIS revisited HMP YOI Grampian to assess the further progress made with implementing their action plan since the last inspection.

During the return visit, inspectors saw that efforts had been made to strengthen and develop the health service delivery within HMP YOI Grampian. Inspectors could see that staff understood the reason for and were involved in the change process, with specific staff groups having a key role and responsibilities.

Inspectors saw that progress had been made towards meeting many of the recommendations from the February 2019 inspection, such as the development of new processes and pathways of care, improved training and support for staff and recruitment and stabilising links with other services across the Partnership. However, it was disappointing to find that securing a controlled drug licence remained outstanding from the original inspection, and this was escalated for immediate action. In addition, considerable work was still required around improving the pharmacy service. Although it was encouraging that efforts had been made to recruit pharmacy staff, inspectors remained concerned by some of the medication management practices still in operation. This remains a key area for improvement.

In general, inspectors found that the Partnership was adopting a measured approach to service change, which was communicated to the Integration Joint Board who retained oversight, but further work is needed to address the recommendations made in this follow-up report.

HMIPS with HIS will make a further visit to check on progress with addressing these recommendations.

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## NOTES TO EDITORS

1. HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland, Wendy Sinclair-Gieben was appointed in July 2018.
2. On publication the report can be found at [www.prisonssinspectoratescotland.gov.uk](http://www.prisonssinspectoratescotland.gov.uk)
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