HMIPS
HM Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland
INSPECTING AND MONITORING

Independent Prison Monitoring Bulletin
HMP YOI Cornton Vale
October to December 2018

Key Findings

Smoke Free Prisons: Monitors saw evidence of effective communication in the months leading up to the implementation of smoke free prisons. The establishment continues to monitor the situation closely but the IPM team has not received any requests or notes of concern about this matter.

Health: This quarter Monitors were asked questions about how health complaints were dealt with.

Children's Play Area in Visits Room: Monitors had concerns raised with the establishment about the children's play area in the visits room.

Updates and Actions

Smoke Free Prisons: The monitoring team concluded that this has been managed well so far by the establishment.

Health: The process was explained to Monitors as follows:

(a) Complaint received by Cornton Vale
(b) Cornton Vale send complaint by email to the Patient Relations Team in HMP Glenochil. They log the complaint, give it a reference number and send it back to Cornton Vale (usually takes a day).
(c) Cornton Vale meet with the patient to discuss concerns within five days. If the matter is resolved, the patient is asked to sign a document to that effect.
(d) If it is not resolved a written note is made of the discussion, agreed with the patient and sent to Glenochil for further investigation by Forth Valley Health Board. This is a stage 2 complaint and they have 20 days to respond.

Children's Play Area in Visits Room: The area will be deep cleaned and a sheet showing the last time it was cleaned will be put up.

IPM Focus in the Next Quarter:

New Build and Regime: Monitors want to make sure that the women in Cornton Vale continue to be offered access to an appropriate regime whilst rebuilding work is underway.