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HMP Grampian
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**7 Independent
Prison
Monitors**



**18 Prison
Monitoring
Visits**



**17 Prisoner
Requests**

Key Findings

- **Healthcare:** Over the reporting period, some prisoners complained about healthcare. However, Independent Prison Monitors (IPMs) did not find any issues with these particular cases and encouraged prisoners to continue to engage with healthcare services.
- **Effective, courteous and humane exercise of authority:** IPMs attended Orderly Room proceedings and concluded that the process was efficient and fair.
- **Effective, courteous and humane exercise of authority:** IPMs witnessed staff taking time and patience to listen to prisoners' complaints, de-escalating matters where necessary.
- **Purposeful activity:** IPMs were pleased to note that work appeared to be tailored to the individual needs of the prisoners, and that prisoners were included in the decision making process for allocating work.
- **Prisoner involvement:** IPMs were of the view that 'The Improvement Tree' was an excellent initiative, which invited prisoners and staff to post ideas for improvement within the prison.

Updates and Actions

- **Smoke-free prisons:** IPMs monitored the recent implementation of the Smoke-free prisons policy and found that a range of support was available to prisoners. To date IPMs have not noted anything adverse arising from the policy's implementation.
- **Staffing:** Staffing levels were increasing, which was welcomed by IPMs.

IPM Focus in the Next Quarter

- **Purposeful activity:** IPMs will monitor access to purposeful activity for the various prisoner groups.
- **Decency:** IPMs will look again at recently reported issues in relation to laundry services.
- **Staffing:** IPMs will continue to monitor staffing levels.