



HMIPS

HM Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland
INSPECTING AND MONITORING

Independent Prison Monitoring Bulletin

HMP Greenock

October - December 2018



5 Independent
Prison
Monitors



14 Prison
Monitoring
Visits



6 Prisoner
Requests

Key Findings

- **Lawful and Transparent Custody:** Independent Prison Monitors (IPMs) visited reception and spoken with staff about admission processes. The reception area was well maintained, and prisoners that IPMs spoke to said they were treated with decency and courtesy. IPMs also observed six orderly room procedures within this reporting period, and they were noted to have been conducted professionally and in a transparent manner.
- **Visits:** The visits room was monitored on several occasions in this quarter, and on each occasion there was a good atmosphere. Staff maintained a presence without being overly intrusive. Prisoners and visitors were afforded good opportunities to have private conversations.
- **Progression:** IPMs reported that occupancy levels in Arran and Bute Hall appeared to have fluctuated during this quarter. Prisoners in Chriswell House again raised the issue of perceived delays and barriers to progressing to open conditions.
- **Throughcare:** IPMs reported very positive interactions with TSOs who demonstrated their links to the community.

Updates and Actions

- **Progression:** There had been several prisoners in Chriswell House returned to closed conditions in recent months for various reasons. Management had spoken with all prisoners located there about what was required to achieve progression. HMP Greenock had also written to other establishments requesting eligible candidates for their Community Integration Units.
- **NPS:** The issue of psychoactive substances remains a challenge for everyone in the establishment.

IPM Focus in the next quarter

- IPMs will continue to monitor the implementation of the life skills centre in the prison.
- IPMS will continue to monitor population pressures.