



HMIPS SERVICE DELIVERY PERFORMANCE

Number of IPM visits (or calls):	16	Statutory requirement met?	Yes
Volunteer hours committed:	51.5	% of prisoner requests handled:	100

Comments: Statutory requirement of one (on-site) visit per week was met.

MONITORING FINDINGS

MAIN AREAS MONITORED	FINDINGS
Purposeful activity	IPMs noted that there was a high percentage of remand prisoners at the prison during the reporting period. Remand prisoners have less access to work opportunities than convicted prisoners for a range of reasons, including that essential work parties require a consistent workforce to operate efficiently, and there is no requirement in the prison rules for remands to do work. However, remand prisoners had the same access to other activities as convicted prisoners - including exercise and education, so time out of cell was available, however IPMs believe the prison requires more resources in order to be able to provide a more comprehensive regime for remand prisoners. Staff were also working to improve equality of access to the regime across the range of prisoner groups.
Purposeful activity	IPMs were impressed with the work prisoners did to repair wheelchairs. Prisoners took pride in their work, which provided tangible benefits for people in developing countries.
Healthcare	IPMs concluded that the prison cares well for prisoners with acute healthcare needs and disabilities, including access to post-liberation community-based services.
Healthcare	There was concern about the number of prisoners requesting mental health support linked to the length of time they had been on remand. Remand prisoners accounted for around 70% of the prisoner population at one point during the reporting period. IPMs recognise, however, that the efficiency of court business is beyond the control of the SPS.
Organisational effectiveness	Staff undertook an exercise to move various prisoner groups to different halls, to improve access to various elements of the regime for each group. Prisoner movements appeared to be carried out efficiently with minimal disruption.

AREAS TO BE MONITORED NEXT

IPMs will continue to focus on the impact the latest COVID-19 restrictions are having on prisoners.

IPMs will also start to monitor changes to the regime as the prison continues to ease restrictions in line with Scottish Government guidance, including the implementation of new regime structures to replace the 'core-day'.



HOW CAN IPMs HELP ME?

Here are some examples of how we have helped so far:

- **Bullying and safety**
- **Equality and diversity issues**
- **Prison transfers**
- **Issues with property**
- **Living conditions, food, clothing, hygiene**
- **Delays with progression**
- **Access to education and work**

IF SOMETHING IS NOT OK, WE NEED YOU TO SAY – PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW THINGS ARE

Please note we will only provide assistance with complaints after it has been directed through the appropriate complaint procedures first.



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 **YOU CAN CALL THE FREEPHONE NUMBER ON 0800 056 7476. CALLS ARE NOT MONITORED BY SPS AND ARE CONFIDENTIAL.**

 **IPMs VISIT THE PRISON WEEKLY AND ARE AVAILABLE TO SPEAK TO.**