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Independent Prison Monitoring Bulletin
HMP Kilmarnock
January – March 2019



**6 Independent
Prison
Monitors**



**17 Prison
Monitoring
Visits**



**15 Prisoner
Requests**

Key Findings

- **Prisoner requests:** IPMs have continued to take a reasonable number of requests from prisoners in this period relating to issues including progression, ATM kiosks, property, transfers and medication.
- **Population:** IPMs noted the increase in population this quarter and the potential for implications on the prison regime. Some prisoners spoke to us about their anxiety over the possibility of cell sharing and issues around personal safety.
- **Personal Safety:** IPMs met with the Violence Reduction team and were informed of processes to ensure personal safety throughout the establishment.
- **Health and Well Being:** IPMs met with healthcare managers and welcomed the new layout of the health centre. Waiting times were good during this period, although this may increase with the increase in population.

Updates and Actions

- **Population:** IPMs were informed that E Wing is now exclusively protection and that F Wing has taken in much of the increase in numbers. The SPS cell sharing risk assessment is being utilised where necessary.
- **Personal safety:** Prison management provided figures on all incidents in the last quarter and advised that violence and significant incidents have remained broadly similar since the increase in population.
- **Health and Wellbeing:** Dispensation of medication is quite challenging due to increase in numbers. A series of health conversations with prisoners, NHS, East Ayrshire Advocacy and Independent Prison Monitors will begin in June to discuss all matters relating to prisoner healthcare.

IPM Focus in the Next Quarter

IPMs will continue to monitor the implications of the increased population on the day-to-day regime at HMP Kilmarnock.