

**Independent Prison Monitoring Bulletin**
HMP Shotts
October to December 2018**8 Independent
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Key Findings

Healthcare: A few requests to see a member of the monitoring team this quarter related to the reclassification of some medications.

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 have not received any requests or notes of concern about this matter.

Recovery Café: The monitoring team were pleased to see the launch of the Recovery Café in December 2018.

Complaints: A Monitor spent some time looking at the complaints process this quarter, concluding they were dealt with within agreed timelines, but on a couple of occasions detail seemed to be lacking.

Education Contract: Some questions were raised with the team about how balance is maintained between protection and non-protection prisoners in terms of spaces offered, and what can be offered as next steps after completion of Open University Courses.

Updates and Actions

Healthcare: The Monitoring team have been informed that everyone who will be affected by the medication reclassification will have a full review to establish if the medication is still required. If the medical professionals decide that it is no longer required, then the medication will be gradually reduced and, if appropriate, new medication put in place. Any new medication arrangements will be reviewed. If people are assessed as still requiring the current medication then they will continue to receive it. The fact that each person is receiving a full review to discuss their medication seems like reasonable treatment to the monitoring team.

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

Recovery Café: The monitoring team think this is a positive development in the prison.

Complaints: The Monitoring team raised the issue of complaint forms sometimes lacking detail in terms of the prison's response, and were told this is something that had been picked up during a general reviews of complaints and was being addressed.

IPM Focus in the Next Quarter

- Monitors will spend some time looking at the education provision during the next quarter.
- IPMs will continue to monitor the issue of medications.