



Independent Prison Monitoring Bulletin
HMP Shotts
January to March 2019



**8 Independent
Prison Monitors**



**19 Prison
Monitoring Visits**



**23 Prisoner
Requests**

Key Findings

Education: In June 2018, some areas for improvement were identified in Education's Annual Learning Plan. This quarter Monitors went to see what improvements had been made.

Healthcare: Monitors have been told a new system for emergency medical cover at nights/weekends is starting, and an experienced GP or an A&E Consultant would be available to review any urgent medical needs out of hours.

Argos Orders: Monitors were told that if an item ordered from Argos was out of stock it had to be re-ordered every week until it became available. The feeling was it would be better if the order could be kept until the item was available.

Support for People Directly Liberated From Shotts: Monitors have previously raised the issue of support for people who are liberated directly from Shotts.

Updates and Actions

Education: Monitors found progress had been made in all areas identified in the learning plan, and that there were a good variety of classes and activities people could get involved in.

Healthcare: A Professional-to-Professional line has been set up and Monitors think this is a positive development.

Argos Orders: It has been agreed that processes will be amended and a request for a purchase from Argos will stay live until satisfied, withdrawn or replaced with another item being requested. When an item is out of stock, the person making the request will receive a reply and be informed the order will be attempted to be purchased the next week, but if they wish to consider a replacement item that would be accommodated.

Support for People Directly Liberated From Shotts: Work has been completed to improve access to bank accounts and assist people to get citizen cards to act as ID.

IPM Focus in the Next Quarter

Population Pressure: Monitors are aware of the increasing population across the prison estate and will monitor any impact that might have in Shotts.