

**Independent Prison Monitoring Bulletin**
HMP YOI Cornton Vale
January to March 2019**8 Independent
Prison
Monitors****15 Prison
Monitoring
Visits****6 Prisoner
Requests**

Key Findings

- **Children's Play Area in Visits Room:** When Monitors followed up on the planned deep clean of the area, it did not appear to have happened.
- **New National Establishment:** Monitors were given a presentation about progress on the building of the new national establishment, and were told more were planned to make sure they were kept updated.
- **Common Good Fund and Shop Sheet:** New User Voice meetings are now taking place and monitors have asked for copies of minutes. They have been given dates and times of future meetings so may attend. The Deputy Governor said the shop sheet and canteen would be discussed on a quarterly basis.
- **Transport:** Some issues have been raised with the team about the experiences of some women travelling to Cornton Vale in GeoAmy vehicles.

Updates and Actions

- **Children's Play Area in Visits Room:** The Deputy Governor will follow this up to make sure the area is deep cleaned, and a notice will be put up so everyone will know the last time it was cleaned.
- **New National Establishment:** From the detail monitors were given the plans looked good. Accommodation is to a good specification and a lot of thought has been given to the layout. The Monitoring Team think it will result in a much improved facility.
- **Common Good Fund and Shop Sheet:** Monitors have been given dates and times of future meetings so may attend, and have been told the shop sheet and canteen will be discussed on a quarterly basis.
- **Transport:** Monitors will check with SPS Head office what the new contract states in terms of time in vans and access to toilets, then monitor against this.

IPM Focus in the Next Quarter

- **Population Pressure:** Monitors are aware of the increasing population across the prison estate and will monitor any impact this might have in Cornton Vale.