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Independent Prison Monitoring Bulletin

HMP Kilmarnock

January – March 2018



**4 Independent
Prison
Monitors**



**15 Prison
Monitoring
Visits**



**10 Prisoner
Requests**

Key Findings

- **Lawful and Transparent Custody:** Monitors attended Orderly Room proceedings during this period, and noted the fair and transparent manner in which these appeared to be carried out. Signage across the prison is current and up to date.
- **Decency:** Monitors commented on the showering facilities in the halls and noted what appeared to be a lack of privacy. They were adjacent to communal areas with the telephones and servery in the immediate vicinity.
- **Personal Safety:** Monitors took requests in relation to personal safety this quarter, and requested updates at a general level on the number and nature of incidents.
- **Effective, Courteous and Humane Exercise of Authority:** Interactions between prisoners and staff appeared courteous and respectful. Monitors reported on the Separation and Reintegration Unit (SRU) being a particularly busy and challenging area of the prison. Monitors accompanied staff in the SRU as they did individual prisoner checks and commented on the concern shown, whilst noting the professional manner in which it was undertaken.

Updates and Actions

- **SRU/Personal safety:** Prison management commented that the SRU had been at capacity for some time, and that staff continued to deal well with the challenges in this area. NPS remains a prevalent issue, resulting in self-inflicted injuries.
- **Decency:** Prison management noted that in cell showering facilities would be ideal, but the current facilities are fixed. Comment was also made about the absence of incidents in the shower, indicating current arrangements were suitable for maintaining safety.
- **Healthcare:** Monitors received an update on the new multi-disciplinary health team meetings and were also informed that two mental health nurses would take up post in May.
- **Smoke free prisons:** An HMP Kilmarnock representative continued to have productive meetings with NHS Ayrshire & Arran in preparation for smoke free prisons.
- **Purposeful Activity:** The PT timetable was refreshed to allow for more activity at evening and weekends, allowing uninterrupted work sessions Monday to Friday

IPM Focus in the Next Quarter

- Monitors will look at various Standards in the next quarter and continue to speak to staff and prisoners on various aspects of the regime.
- Monitors will aim to attend a greater range of ICC and PIAC meetings etc