



HMIPS

HM Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland
INSPECTING AND MONITORING

Independent Prison Monitoring Bulletin

HMP Kilmarnock

April - June 2019



**6 Independent
Prison
Monitors**



**15 Prison
Monitoring
Visits**



**12 Prisoner
Requests**

Key Findings

- **Staffing:** HMP Kilmarnock continue to have relatively high sickness levels and attrition rates for staff. Senior management have noted this to be a particular challenge in the day-to-day running of the establishment and occasionally this has had implications for the regime.
- **Population:** IPMs have reported some of the challenges associated with accommodating 96 additional prisoners. The house blocks are busier and noisier and there has been an increase in incidents in this quarter. Cell sharing risk assessments are in place and are being followed. IPMs also recorded the additional pressures on health services.
- **Progression:** Monitors have continued to take requests relating to progression from prisoners at HMP Kilmarnock.

Updates and Actions

- **Psychoactive substances:** Senior management updated on the two detection machines now in place. A further machine has been ordered and will be placed reception to continue to improve finds in the establishment.
- **Personal safety:** Prison management provided figures on all incidents in the last quarter and advised that violence and significant incidents have decreased slightly in the last quarter.
- **Health and Wellbeing:** Dispensation of medication is quite challenging due to an 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 health.

IPM Focus in the Next Quarter

- IPMs will continue to monitor personal safety and purposeful activity, and attend forums such as PIACs, ICCs and RMTs