



**HMIPS**

HM Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland  
INSPECTING AND MONITORING

**Independent Prison Monitoring  
HMP Low Moss  
October - December 2019**



**7 Independent  
Prison  
Monitors**



**15 Prison  
Monitoring  
Visits**



**22 Prisoner  
Requests**

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## Key Findings

- **Population** – IPMs noted the increase in population during this period and observed that all areas of the prison appeared to be functioning well despite this. Management acknowledged the daily challenges associated with having various different types of prisoner groups in their care, but stated that the Project 100 planning process had on the whole, led to a successful integration of new prisoners.
- **Non-offence Protection Prisoners** – IPMs have continued to speak with non-offence protection prisoners regarding their access to regime. Monitors acknowledge the effort made by prison management to expand their access to all aspects of regime, but noted it can still be limited. Management have provided additional recreation in the morning and evening and various events ran throughout this quarter to increase time out of cell. A pool table has also been ordered.
- **Lawful and Transparent Custody:** IPMs met regularly with SRU staff and were pleased to be informed of some of the development and improvements within the unit. These were discussed in depth at the quarterly meeting and IPMs will continue to monitor.

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## Updates and Actions

- **Personal Safety** - The prevalence and use of psychoactive substances continues to be a concern. Management expressed their sadness at the deaths in custody during this period and outlined their response to staff and prisoners in the immediate and short term aftermath.
- **Organisational Effectiveness** - IPMs were advised of some staffing changes and a slight reconfiguration of responsibilities and structures in case management, designed to make the process more streamlined and integrated.

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## IPM Focus in the Next Quarter

- IPMs will focus on access to the regime for prisoners located in Clyde Hall.