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Independent Prison Monitoring Bulletin
HMP Low Moss
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**7 Independent
Prison
Monitors**



**17 Prison
Monitoring
Visits**



**22 Prisoner
Requests**

Key Findings

- **Non-offence Protection Prisoners:** Non-offence protection prisoners expressed dissatisfaction to IPMs at what they perceived to be a continued lack of access to a basic regime. IPMs spoke to ten prisoners and provided a summary report to management.
- **Effective & Humane Exercise of Authority:** IPMs noted positive interactions in various areas of the prison and would particularly draw attention to reception, where staff and passmen were observed to work very well together to process admissions in a friendly and professional manner.
- **Personal Safety:** Staff and prisoners continued to note that use of psychoactive substances remained prevalent within the prison, and IPMs noted the subsequent effect on individual health and the wider personal safety of all in the establishment.

Updates and Actions

- **Population:** Management informed IPMs that the population had increased to 851 in the establishment since the last quarter. This had led to some pressure points though there were still high numbers going to purposeful activity.
- **Non-offence protection:** Management advised focus groups were carried out with affected groups in Clyde 1 and they had distributed a revised regime detailing significantly longer time out of cell, which is now in operation as far as possible.
- **Personal safety:** Work is ongoing to ensure psychoactive substances are identified at the earliest possible stage. Staff have made use of scanning machines in the last quarter in an attempt to lessen the impact across the establishment.

IPM Focus in the Next Quarter

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