



Independent Prison Monitoring Bulletin
HMP YOI Polmont
October to December 2019



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**Independent
Prison Monitors**



**14 Prison
Monitoring
Visits**



**7 Prisoner
Requests**

Key Findings

This quarter Monitors felt that the general atmosphere in Polmont was positive and saw good interactions between both staff and prisoners.

- **Time Outside:** Monitors have raised the issue of some populations being offered access to time outside at 7am every day during the week.
- **Transport:** Monitors have been continuing to look at the service provided to Polmont by GEOAmev.
- **Mail:** Problems with mail have been raised with the monitoring team this quarter.
- **Healthcare:** Monitors have been told that most of the vacancies in the healthcare team have been filled and plans are in place to try and fill any outstanding posts
- **Activities:** Monitors have been told about some positive activities taking place this quarter that they thought were really positive and interesting

Updates and Action

- **Time Outside:** This continues to be looked at by the establishment and all possibilities explored to try and improve the situation. Monitors will keep this matter on the agenda for meetings with the Governor in charge.
- **Transport:** Monitors are being told that there are still some issues in terms of the service provided by GEOAmev. This is something that HMIPS plan to look at in more depth on a national level.
- **Mail:** Monitors have had a few requests this quarter about issues with mail. Polmont have told us they are looking into this.
- **Healthcare:** The Monitoring Team think the majority of vacancies being filled in the healthcare team is a positive development that will be beneficial for everyone.
- **Activities:** Monitors were told about some of the events that have taken place recently including the Barnardo's Celebration Event, The Redburn Event and the Staff Health and Wellbeing day, all which we thought were constructive and useful.

IPM Focus in the Next Quarter:

Focus Groups - HMIPS are keen to find out how prison monitoring is working for you. There will be a focus groups held in Polmont to discuss this. We are looking forward to hearing your opinion