



**Independent Prison Monitoring Bulletin**  
**HMP YOI Polmont**  
**April to June 2019**



**10**  
**Independent**  
**Prison Monitors**



**13 Prison**  
**Monitoring**  
**Visits**



**7 Prisoner**  
**Requests**

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## Key Findings

**Regimes on Halls:** The regime of some of the halls was raised, with Monitors being told there were issues with access to time outside and purposeful activity.

**Cleanliness:** The establishment was not as clean as it usually is. Examples Monitors had seen included showers being dirty, door handles to halls being sticky and the pantry/food servery areas not being cleaned to a reasonable standard.

**Purposeful Activity:** Monitors continued to note that work parties and other purposeful activity were cancelled on a regular basis, and that numbers engaged were often low. They saw some examples of good practice in this area.

**Home Detention Curfews:** A couple of instances were reported to Monitors of people waiting quite long periods for HDC applications to be processed or signed off.

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## Updates and Action

**Regimes on Halls:** Following the recent inspection of Polmont an action plan has been created to address the recommendations made. Reviewing the regimes on some halls had been included in this and Monitors will continue to follow up this matter.

**Cleanliness:** The Deputy Governor in Charge will look into this matter and Monitors will follow up to establish if progress has been made.

**Purposeful Activity:** Examples of good practice noted by Monitors included Life Skills Classes, with all of those in the class saying the programme was helpful in planning their life after liberation, and there was a planned collaboration between education and hall staff to start a class for some remand prisoners.

**Home Detention Curfews:** The explanation given was that there had been some difficulties in the administration team, but a vacancy had recently been filled and outstanding actions caught up. It is hoped the matter is now resolved.

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## IPM Focus in the Next Quarter:

- The monitoring team have agreed an action/follow up plan following the recent inspection of Polmont. They will be looking at areas identified as requiring improvement and those highlighted as good practice.