



Independent Prison Monitoring Bulletin
HMP YOI Polmont
July to September 2019



8
Independent
Prison Monitors



14 Prison
Monitoring
Visits



9 Prisoner
Requests

Key Findings

Transport: Matters have been raised with Monitors about the reliability of the current provider of transport services.

Food: The menu choices have been raised with Monitors with some people telling us they think there could be a better selection. Monitors have also been told that when some people arrive at the establishment, depending on the time they arrive, the only food available is a sandwich and milk.

Blair 1: Monitors have noted some good practice on this hall with everyone working well together.

New Work Streams: The Governor in Charge has told monitors about seven new areas the establishment will be looking at. They include support for people who are in custody for the first time, how incentives and privileges work and assistance for people who are isolated.

Updates and Action

Transport: Evidence gathered by Monitors has highlighting this as a national matter. HMIPS believe SPS are aware of the issues, but we will press for improvements.

Food: Monitors will look at the food choices available and the Deputy Governor in Charge has agreed to review food for people coming into the establish when the kitchen is closed, to see if anything can be improved.

Blair 1: Monitors look for things they think are good in Polmont as well as those they think can be improved. Between July and September, Monitors noted being impressed by some of the work of staff on Blair 1.

New Work Streams: The monitoring team welcomes the introduction of the new work streams and will be interested to see what comes out of them.

IPM Focus in the Next Quarter:

- The monitoring team continue to follow up issues highlighted in the inspection report.