



Independent Prison Monitoring Bulletin
HMP Shotts
October to December 2019



**8 Independent
Prison Monitors**



**14 Prison
Monitoring Visits**



**16 Prisoner
Requests**

Key Findings

Healthcare: Monitors were told that there had been discussions between healthcare and Shotts to explore how they could better ensure all healthcare appointments are attended. They were also told some additional GP sessions had been arranged to ensure people were seen by a doctor in a reasonable timeframe.

Support for People Directly Liberated From Shotts: Since the last time Monitors looked at this there have been quite a lot of changes. Monitors have been told about support for people to open bank accounts and get ID prior to liberation.

Transport: Monitors have been told that the GEOAmev service to Shotts had improved over the last month or so.

Father/Child Visits: Monitors were informed there had been changes to the times of some visits and more sessions had been made available.

Updates and Actions

Healthcare: Monitors welcome the additional GP sessions and would encourage everyone to either attend healthcare appointments or cancel them if they are no longer required.

Support for People Directly Liberated From Shotts: The support on offer seems positive to Monitors and joined up to ensure a multi-agency approach. Monitors would suggest it is something people consider engaging with prior to direct liberation from Shotts.

Transport: Monitors are glad to hear things have improved but will continue to monitor this area.

Father/Child Visits: Monitors agree that times being changed and sessions increased to try to maximise visits outside school hours is a positive development.

IPM Focus in the Next Quarter

Independent Prison Monitoring Questionnaire: Monitors are keen to hear your thoughts about independent prison monitoring, so over the next month Monitors will be asking people to complete questionnaires on the subject. We look forward to hearing your opinions.
