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Independent Prison Monitoring Bulletin
HMP Shotts
January to March 2018



**8 Independent
Prison Monitors**



**23 Prison
Monitoring
Visits**



**19 Prisoner
Requests**

Key Findings

Progression: Monitors continue to get a number of requests that relate to progression.

Health: Monitors were pleased to hear that a new system for sickness notification/triage has been implemented and that so far it seems to be working well.

Visits: One of the Monitors attended a recent Father and Child visit session and spent some time before the visit speaking to people who had travelled to Shotts.

Updates and Actions

Progression: Senior Management told Monitors targets had been exceeded for the delivery of offending behaviour programmes. A four weekly meeting has also been introduced between case management staff and social work to discuss any matters they need to. Monitors think that both of the above are positive developments, but will continue to monitor matters relating to progression.

Health: Monitors were glad the new system is working well and hope that it has lifted some of the pressure on the healthcare staff. Monitors next task is to understand what healthcare might be able to do with the time that has been saved.

Visits: The people Monitors spoke to who were visiting said they felt the visit sessions were well run and they felt well treated. The issue of the snack bar/canteen facility closing was raised with Monitors and when they asked senior management Monitors were told the establishment was looking for another agency to provide the service. Monitors agree it would be good to have a similar provision given the distances some people travel to visit.

IPM Focus in the Next Quarter

- **Additional Visits:** The high number of requests Monitors get in Shotts makes it harder for the monitoring team to look at different aspects of life in the prison. In order to try and resolve this Monitors aim to do one extra visit a month concentrating on broader aspects of life in the establishment.