



**Independent Prison Monitoring Bulletin**  
**HMP Shotts**  
**April to June 2019**



**8**  
**Independent  
Prison Monitors**



**16 Prison  
Monitoring  
Visits**



**22 Prisoner  
Requests**

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### Key Findings

**Purposeful Activity:** Monitors were told about the review of purposeful activity that is currently underway.

**HMIPS Complaints/Feedback Process:** A request raised in Shotts this quarter brought to Monitors attention the requirement for HMIPS to update their complaints/feedback process.

**Visits:** Monitors spent time looking at visits, and the issue of there not being any option, apart from vending machines, to purchase food and drinks was raised with Monitors.

**Increased Population:** The monitoring team are aware of the increasing prison population and the pressure this places on establishment.

**Healthcare:** Some issues were raised with the monitoring team this quarter about healthcare.

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### Updates and Action

**Purposeful Activity:** The monitoring team think purposeful activity being reviewed is a positive development, and have been told the review will consider the offer made to all populations in HMP Shotts. Monitors will be looking at the outcomes of the review and monitoring the impact.

**HMIPS Complaints/Feedback Process:** Work is currently underway to address this.

**Visits:** Monitors were told that Shotts are looking at ways that this can be improved, and have an invitation out to tender to try and find a service provider. Monitors will continue to monitor progress.

**Increased Population:** The monitoring team concluded that the establishment was doing as much as it could to minimise the impact of increasing numbers across the prison estate.

**Healthcare:** Monitors will continue to work in partnership with healthcare to discuss and attempt to find solutions to the concerns raised.

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### IPM Focus in the Next Quarter:

Next quarter, Monitors will follow up on the review of purposeful activity, issues around healthcare and alternatives to vending machines in the visits area.