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Independent Prison Monitoring Bulletin
HMP YOI Cornton Vale
January to March 2018



**8 Independent
Prison
Monitors**



**13 Prison
Monitoring
Visits**



**8 Prisoner
Requests**

Key Findings

- **Independent Living Unit:** Monitors spent a bit of time this quarter talking to staff about the Independent Living Units and some of the women that have been or are currently in them.
- **New Establishment:** Monitors have been told that the plans for the new build prison are at an advanced stage and that work is due to start in the next few months.
- **Induction:** Monitors were told that induction takes place in small groups sometimes and at other times on a one to one basis.

Updates and Actions

- **Independent Living Unit (ILU):** Monitors thought the approach taken to women accessing the ILUs was a good one. Staff told Monitors about it and women confirmed a variety of pathways that could be taken to access them full time. For example having trial periods in the houses. Monitors liked that there was a person centred approach to women accessing the ILUs.
- **New Establishment:** Monitors appreciate that the building of a new prison on the current site at Cornton Vale might be difficult at times. However they are convinced, so far, that core services will continue to run, but will of course continue to monitor not only that they are happening but also that the quality is good.
- **Induction:** Monitors want to find out more about how induction is managed and what women are told about Cornton Vale.

IPM Focus in the Next Quarter:

- **Communication:** Monitors have some focus groups planned for the end of May 18 with women in Peebles. They look forward to hearing what they have to say and will plan other focus groups with the women in Ross at a later date.