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**8 Independent
Prison
Monitors**



**14 Prison
Monitoring
Visits**



**16 Prisoner
Requests**

Key Findings

- **Independent Living Unit (Skye House):** Monitors were informed there had been some loss of use of the garden areas within the Independent Living Units women in Skye House
- **Transport:** Monitors are being told that there are still challenges in this area, with some women spending long periods of time in vans, for example when they are moving from Cornton Vale to Court and back again
- **Events:** Monitors have come along to see a Spa Day and a Street Soccer Scotland Event.
- **Committee for the Prevention of Torture Visit:** Monitors were told that a group of visitors had returned to Cornton Vale to look again at how things were done here, following a visit last year

Updates and Actions

- **Independent Living Unit (Skye House):** Monitors have been told the matter is now resolved and women in Skye House have unrestricted access to the exercise area out-with periods where the establishment is on patrol. We agree it is not the same as when the houses were outside the establishment but it is at least an improvement on what was happening.
- **Transport:** This matter has been escalated to the Chief Inspector of Prisons. This is also being monitored by the establishment and detail shared with the SPS Contract Monitor Team.
- **Events:** Monitors thought both of the events were very positive, and felt everyone got a lot out of them.
- **Committee for the Prevention of Torture Visit:** Monitors will be interested to see the report following the visit once it is available.

IPM Focus in the Next Quarter

Transport – The concerns raised about transport will be a big focus for the next quarter.

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