



HMIPS

HM Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland
INSPECTING AND MONITORING

Independent Prison Monitoring Bulletin
HMP Greenock
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**4 Independent
Prison
Monitors**



**15 Prison
Monitoring
Visits**



**6 Prisoner
Requests**

Key Findings

- **Lawful and transparent custody:** IPMs visited reception and observed a thorough and well run section of the prison.
- **Purposeful Activity:** IPMs commented positively on many aspects of purposeful activity in the prison and queried when the life skills centre might become fully operational.
- **Throughcare:** IPMs have noted the effect of the withdrawal of the throughcare support service, given the excellent work that has been carried out in this area over the last few years.

Updates and Actions

- **Purposeful Activity:** Some life skills are currently being delivered in the links centre. Funding is not yet in place to complete the life skills centre but it is hoped this will be signed off by end of August.
- **Throughcare:** Management acknowledged the loss of the Throughcare Support Service. Transitions packs will still be delivered to those coming up for liberation but perhaps not to the same extent as when there were dedicated staff to do this.
- **Progression:** Much of the paperwork for First Grant Temporary Release has been changed and updated and this now takes longer as it is more thorough. As such, some progression decisions are taking slightly longer but are often more detailed.

IPM Focus in the next quarter

- IPMs will continue to monitor uptake of purposeful activity in HMP Greenock