

HMIPS HM Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland INSPECTING AND MONITORING

HMIPS SERVICE DELIVERY PERFORMANCE				
Number of IPM visits (calls):	10	Statutory requirement met?	No	
Volunteer hours committed:	42	% of prisoner requests handled:	100	

Comments: Statutory requirement was not met due to PMC absence and temporarily reduced IPM resource.

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MAIN AREAS MONITORED	FINDINGS		
Personal Safety	HMP Shotts was observed to be calm and orderly during visits in this reporting period, though Monitors were advised of some changes in behaviour and incidents of violence relating to drug use. The SRU was at full capacity for most of this reporting period. IPMs were advised of an increase in drugs finds and usage in this quarter. IPMs were also saddened to be informed of deaths in custody within the establishment during this period.		
	IPMs were also informed of a COVID-19 outbreak during this quarter in Allanton Hall which limited the scope of some monitoring visits. IPMs noted management decisions taken in line with Public Health Scotland during this period.		
Purposeful Activity / regime	IPMs noted all essential work parties continued to function and daily activity was observed in all industries, though with numbers appearing to be variable. IPMs would request and update on current provision and engagement.		
Healthcare	Healthcare remains a high priority for prisoners speaking with IPMs and continues to generate some requests. Recruitment and retention of primary care nurses remains a challenge, as does staff accommodation within the health centre. Prison management advised they were aware of the staffing issues and remained in dialogue with NHS Lanarkshire. Management advised the situation currently remains the same as in previous quarter.		
Lawful and Transparent Custody	IPMs have dealt with several requests relating to property, transfers, progression and various other issues. Where IPMs have explored prisoner requests these baye been handled efficiently and appropriately by staff with		
	requests these have been handled efficiently and appropriately by staff with timely responses. In general, IPMs noted prisoners being treated with courtesy and respect within the establishment.		

AREAS TO BE MONITORED NEXT

IPMs will continue to monitor healthcare provision and the levels of purposeful activity within HMP Shotts

HOW CAN IPMs HELP ME?

Here are some examples of how we have helped so far:

- Bullying and safety
- Equality and diversity issues
- Prison transfers
- Issues with property
- Living conditions, food, clothing, hygiene
- Delays with progression
- Access to education and work

IF SOMETHING IS NOT OK, WE NEED YOU TO SAY – PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW THINGS ARE

Please note we will only provide assistance with complaints after it has been directed through the appropriate complaint procedures first.

