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RETURN VISIT TO HMP & YOI GRAMPAN 11 - 13 June 2018
TO REVIEW HEALTHCARE PROVISION

The return visit was undertaken whilst my predecessor, David Strang, was HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland.

When HM Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland undertook a full inspection of HMP & YOI Grampian between 30th November and 11th December 2015, a number of concerns were raised in relation to the provision of healthcare within the establishment, these concerns resulted in healthcare being graded as 'poor performance'.

What was immediately evident on our return was the effort that had been made by Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership and HMP & YOI Grampian to address the concerns raised in 2015.

An increased staffing complement had been agreed following the 2015 inspection. However, the healthcare team was still operating with fewer permanent staff than deemed necessary.

Of particular concern was the enduring shortage of mental health nurses; an issue that we understand affects the wider NHS Grampian Board area. Given that the shortage of mental health nurses has existed for a number of years, and appears to be a Board wide issue, it may be that Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership and NHS Grampian needs to consider alternative delivery models for mental health services within HMP & YOI Grampian.

Despite the staffing issues, there was a striking improvement in the morale of the healthcare team. Staff stated that they now enjoyed working in the establishment

Although there is still considerable work still to do, inspectors saw demonstrable evidence of how the actions taken since 2015 had had a positive impact on the service being delivered.

NOTES TO EDITORS

1. HM CHIEF INSPECTOR OF PRISONS – WENDY SINCLAIR-GIEBEN was appointed to the post of HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland in July 2018.
2. This report identifies what we found during our inspection from 11-13 June 2018. On publication the report can be found at www.prisoninspectoratescotland.gov.uk
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