



**THE INDEPENDENT MONITORING
BOARD**

at

HM PRISON KIRKHAM

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FOR PRESENTATION

TO

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Section 1

THE STATUTORY ROLE OF THE IMB

The Prisons Act 1952 and the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 require every prison and IRC to be monitored by an independent board appointed by the Home Secretary from members of the community in which the prison or centre is situated.

The Board is specifically charged to:

1. Satisfy itself as to the humane and just treatment of those held in custody within its prison and to the range and adequacy of the programmes preparing them for release.
2. Inform promptly the Secretary of State, or any official to whom he has delegated authority as it judges appropriate, any concerns it may have.
3. Report annually to the Secretary of State on how well the prison has met the Standards and requirements placed on it and what impact these have on those in its custody.

To enable the Board to carry out these duties effectively its members have right of access to every prisoner and every part of the prison and also to the prison's records.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PRISON

Certified and Operational Capacity 630

HMP Kirkham occupies the site of a former RAF technical training centre. The site was taken over by the Home Office in the early 1960s and has been in use as a prison since 1962. With few exceptions the infrastructure and services is World War II vintage, although prisoner accommodation is relatively new having been redeveloped over the period 1990-1999.

It is a Category D Open Prison in the North West Area holding adult male convicted prisoners. The Area Manager is Alan Scott and the Governing Governor is Bob McColm (John Hewitson was governor throughout 2011). They are supported by 118 Prison Service unified grade employees, 85 non-unified personnel and over 50 external staff including those providing education, Substance Misuse Service (SMS) support and healthcare.

There are 24 billets which provide single occupancy basic living accommodation. There is also an 80 bed Admissions Unit (double occupancy rooms) which has been adapted for all new arrivals during 2011 from the Next Steps Centre.

Prison Facilities:

In addition to core residential accommodation the following facilities are available:

- Access to jobs (voluntary and paid).
- Christian Chapel and a 'Multi Faith' Room.
- External initiatives including the DHL canteen distribution for North West Prisons.
- Farms and gardens. The Perpetual Challenge Cup was won at the Southport Flower Show 2011.
- Fitness Instructor training leading to qualifications.
- Fork Lift truck training and qualifications.
- Gymnasium facilities for use by offenders, staff and invited members of public.
- Healthcare Centre – contracts with the North Lancs Primary Care Trust.
- IPAC – Information for Prisoners and Advice Centre –staffed by officers and inmates. Local volunteer and charity groups assist eg CAB.
- Large Conservation area with a herd of rare breed cattle and other animals.
- Learning & Skills Department, with IT facilities. Manchester College is the Education provider.
- Library -provided by Lancashire County Council.
- NVQ courses in building and painting and decorating.
- Prison Shop – open to the Public
- Recycling Unit.
- Video Conferencing Suite.
- Visits Centre and facilities for family days.
- Welcome Centre
- Workshops including Woodwork and Laundry

The following Agencies offer support at various levels in or to the prison:

- Achieve: volunteering and work placements
- Age Concern
- Arooj: A Social Enterprise, not for Profit Company
- Citizens Advice Bureau: deal with debt management & welfare issues
- CXL: careers advice
- Disability North West
- Drug Intervention Programmes: provide support on release via SMS (Substance Misuse Services)
- Job Centre Plus: Benefits advice
- Lancashire Probation Service
- Langley House Trust
- NA and AA: Narcotics and Alcohol Anonymous
- National Association of Prison Visitors
- NAVAJO: Gay & Lesbian issues
- P.O.P.S.: Partners of Prisoners: family issues & visits and children's playgroups
- Royal British Legion: Resettlement issues
- Samaritans: prisoner counselling, support & training of Listeners
- Shelter
- SOVA: Supporting Others Through Volunteer Action
- Wigan Offender Accommodation Resettlement Service
- Working Links –education/training guidance

Often internal committees take concerns from prisoners and external agencies are contacted by officers for advice and assistance.

The local charities below offer work in the community for prisoners prior to release or paid employment:

- Age Concern shops Lytham, St Annes
- Aiming High Blackpool
- All Garden Services Preston
- Barnados shops Blackpool, St Annes
- Butterfly Group Blackpool
- Claremont First Steps Blackpool
- Donna's Dream House Blackpool
- Fylde Borough Council St Annes
- International Aid Trust Preston
- Kirkham Princes Trust Kirkham
- Marie Curie shop Kirkham
- PDSA shop Preston
- Preston Council for Voluntary Service Preston
- Preston Muslim Society Preston
- RSPCA Blackpool
- Shelter Blackpool
- Shop for Heroes Blackpool
- St Catherine's Hospice Preston
- St Cuthbert's Church Lytham
- St Michael's Church Kirkham
- St Paul's Church Lytham
- Streetlife Blackpool
- Trinity Hospice Blackpool
- Trinity Hospice shop Blackpool
- Willows Church Kirkham
- YMCA shop Preston St Annes, Blackpool
- Turbary Owl Preston

All of the agencies on this and the preceding page offer support, which enables the Prison to function at a high level and ensures that offenders in the care of Kirkham Prison are not discriminated against by virtue of them being in prison.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

KIRKHAM PRISON: VISION of a Level 3 (Performance) Prison

‘Kirkham will encourage and assist prisoners to address their offending behaviour and offer educational and vocational work opportunities to help prisoners to reform and reduce the likelihood of their re-offending’.

There were over 800 men transferred to Kirkham in 2011 and their average age was 36 and the average length of stay a year. 114 men have never worked. All men are seen on arrival by the Opportunities Board and individual targets set for education and employment courses. Also referrals are made for assistance with problems including housing, job seeking skills and substance misuse.

Kirkham has more enhanced prisoners than the national average (98 to 90%), more in work (97 to 87%), fewer in education (3 to 9%) and a greater proportion of prisoners (15 to 6%) with an IPP sentence.

In May 2011 an MQPL (Measuring the Quality of Prisoner’s Life) was completed. The proportion of prisoners giving a positive score of 6 or more has risen from 57 in 2006 to 79%. The main issues raised were related to personal development, difficulties in being allowed to do Community Work and that many of the available courses were just too basic to aid employment.

Staff relations have survived! There have been early retirements, voluntary redundancies and staffing levels are continually reduced. The closure of Lancaster Castle provided some extra resource (including 2 IMB Board Members) but we have been continually requested to provide staff for other NW prisons. We even advised the Area Manager that the IMB were unhappy with this practice as there were difficulties with continuity of care for men as there was also increased staff sickness and associated difficulties ensuring all HMPK work was completed!

We have had many visitors during the year from local dignitaries, to the Prison’s Minister Crispin Blunt. He was particularly impressed with our PFI Calpac workshop (which re packages frozen foodstuffs) and he hoped it could be used as ‘blueprint’ for other prisons and partners.

We remain concerned about the transfer of some ISP prisoners by the Parole Board and the unsettling influence they can have particularly now as all new arrivals are located together in the Admissions Unit. These are the group most likely to be transferred out. But overall men no longer abscond –the regime support from staff and prisoners themselves with the IPAC (Information for Prisoners and Advice Centre) and Support Centre encourages men to ask questions and understand the system

Particular issues requiring a response

Increase in Prisoners?

Our main concern is the proposal to require a further **110 prisoner places** to be made available at Kirkham increasing the number of 2 men rooms.

So what can these men do? We already have these problems to resolve e

- we sometimes overstaff the kitchen by 50%
- there are definite indications our laundry is to close
- Education resources are to reduce to 89%
- the Amaryllis store has not created any significant jobs

Can our Infrastructure support this increase? For example Healthcare is already experiencing problems with men with more complex health conditions and delays in appointments. Our specialised Substance Misuse Services group will have additional men to support but no additional accommodation. The Gym is already working at capacity as are other support areas eg laundrette.

We also have concerns that the options and progress are being driven by timescales which do not allow for full consideration to be given to the potential solutions and we have not yet had an analysis on the Admissions Unit.

Community Employment

Our Custody to Work Statistics are not as good as other Open Prisons. We need to an initiative to improve them.

Even before our role number is increased there is need to review the current **Custody to Work** scheme

During 2011 there were reduced numbers of men 'working out'. Various reasons include:-

- a) the revised instructions state that only prisoners who may find future employment difficult can be considered.
- b) the 40% Victim Support contribution. This would have been fairer with recognition of fares to work.

Security

A continuing 2011 concern and action point from the IMB has been overall security since the introduction of the Welcome Centre. Not only the ease with which people can enter at the main gate but also the handover to the new Admissions Unit in the evening is still not working. There are examples of people entering with no details being taken and also the opposite with nowhere and no record for visitors to sign out. (This is after completion of all the security forms and confirmation by internal security!)

We are also aware that there are challenges with the new Admissions Unit and the grouping and isolation of transferred men. Spreading new arrivals to all areas encourages men to integrate and settle more easily.

Underutilised Resources

Some expensive facilities are still just not being used or are not working. These include:

- the Virtual Campus
- Big Bertha –the food macerator
- Boss Chair in visits
- Video Conferencing suite
- Training kitchens in Education

Overall judgement-

The prisoners and staff have done all that can be asked of them even if not always enthusiastic about the decisions in 2011.

We need to ensure continuity of tenure for Prison employees (both 'Fair and Sustainable' challenges and staff movements) and IMB members (Public Bodies the potential 10 year maximum service introduction)

We hope that 2012 will have some real benefits for everyone and the Prison Service will not lose sight of our Resettlement Principles at Kirkham.

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MANDATORY REPORTS

DIVERSITY

At HMP Kirkham we now operate under the Single Equality Act 2010 as the Race Relations Act is defunct. There is an excellent Diversity and Equality Relations Team under the direction of the Deputy Governor, a Senior Prison Officer and a Prison Officer. There are currently 12 Prisoner Representatives and all prisoners are treated fairly in the spirit of the Equality Act and any complaint is fully investigated

The cohort of older prisoners is 80 in number which is approximately 13% of the population and we have a black minority ethnic group of approximately 8%.

A good policy operates for those with disabilities in so far as there is a full time Disability Liaison Officer. Care plans are put in place when and where needed.

All areas of diversity which are under the umbrella of the Single Equality Act 2010 fall within nine strands of protected characteristics to ensure no person's treatment is compromised.

All reasonable adjustments are made for people living with a disability and the prison is committed to providing equality of opportunity and a good quality of care. The increase in older prisoners has been recognised and a successful Older Prisoner Forum works well and addresses the specific issues with this group.

HMP Kirkham strives to create and maintain links in the local community through shared events and work placements.

The prison is fully committed to diversity and the eradication of discrimination at all levels. Anyone is free to challenge any decision which they feel is in conflict with this policy. We are fortunate that encouragement and support is given by our Area Chaplain who is based on site.

Arooj provides a successful 'drop in' centre in giving prisoners who may have diversity issues reassurance and helps avoiding subsequent absconds.

Monthly meetings are held to discuss all nine strands of diversity and there is the opportunity to highlight to managers any areas of concern regarding the issue of discrimination within the prison.

LEARNING and SKILLS

Kirkham has approximately 200 men per week taking part in internal and external education, which includes key skills in the workplace and some courses to level 2. Manchester College have the contract for the Education Department. There are no waiting lists for basic education at Kirkham.

There has been a clear change in the profile of men coming to HMP Kirkham and their levels of numeracy and literacy are higher than in previous years which reflects well on other prisons. The main types of employment that men had before prison are labouring, sales, catering and warehousing.

OLASS (Offender Learning and Skills Service) delivery decreased by 50% in 2010/2011 with a 99% success rate and there has been a sharp increase in non-OLASS provision. The majority of workplaces are now running courses and retention and success (99%) are high. For example the gym is has taken responsibility for the delivery of Health and Safety.

The chart below shows the success and completion of some courses. As can be seen it only helps a limited number of inmates

Health and Safety	491
Manual Handling	418
Food Safety	51
Focus Gym Instructor	10
Computer Aided Design	36
Tractor Driving	3
Use of Mowers	19

There is support for prisoners with learning difficulties. Although there are no trained special needs tutors peer support to help this group of individuals is very successful.

We look forward to the introduction of the new Regional Clustering regime that should ensure the tracking of the education and training needs of men throughout their sentence and will provide targeted and appropriate learning and development for prisoners throughout their incarceration.

HEALTHCARE and MENTAL HEALTH

Healthcare at HMP Kirkham is on the same basis as a GP surgery and was originally resourced when transferred to the NHS Primary Care for short term prisoners with minimal input required to support self management of Health problems.

However with the increase in older prisoners and men with complex health problems healthcare has not been adequately resourced in 2011. This increases the clinical risk. Those serving life and indeterminate sentences have been in prison for longer and have both increase chronic disease and substance misuse problems.

Recently 3 men had to be admitted to hospital within 24 hours of their transfer here.

There is currently a 2 week wait to see the GP, no primary mental health care and no trained asthma nurse. No additional resource has been considered or allocated for the recent 30 men increase in the roll.

There are a large number of men attending outpatient appointments, generally because after constant mobility in the prison system prisoners are opting to have treatment once they have a degree of stability when they arrive at Kirkham. In May 2011 there were 62 outside appointments and this increased to over 100 from September onwards. There are also still cancelled appointments due to Home Leaves.

SAFER CUSTODY

Offenders are unlocked from 6.30am (gym opens) until 8.30 pm. Those prisoners not working out in the Community have to be in their billets from 4.40pm until 5pm for the count.

Induction now has an associated Support Centre which also maintains and supports a very successful Interactive Information display in the main prison areas.

Each Personal Officer has 45 prisoners and is expected to record an entry on NOMIS monthly. But there can be difficulties as staff are often being asked to undertake other duties

Harm Minimisation

Kirkham has a 'Safer Custody' strategy which is regularly reviewed by a supporting Committee. There are regular 'safeguarding' meetings for prisoner facing staff to discuss processes and there is a dedicated Public Protection Team.

Kirkham has prisoner locations including accommodation and services dedicated to prisoners addressing their drug and alcohol problems and the IMB are proud of their vision and approach to this key area of resettlement.

All Kirkham Drug and Alcohol Services have been merged in 2011 into **SMS- Substance Misuse Services**. This is an holistic approach in line with the Green Paper 'Breaking the Cycle'. All Lancashire prisons will migrate to this model.

It incorporates of the work previously done with CARATS (which is now compulsory) and Integrated Drug Treatment Services (we currently have the all time high number of 17 men on Methadone).

There are now 12 peer supporters for men and 74 men are waiting to be transferred to the dedicated billets. Recently 2 ex-offenders have been recruited as Recovery Champions to support the SMS work.

As in 2010/11 all 2011 Christmas home leaves were successful. That is all returned on time and not under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

We have good results from regular searches and sweeps looking for illegal items generally based on information received (SIR).

Offender Management Unit (OMU) is now organised into 'joint alpha teams' and staff are trained in all tasks including ROTL (Release on Temporary Licence), Sentence Dates and HDC (Home Detention Curfew). This links with the Fair and Sustainable options currently out for review and introduction in 2013 and is also similar to how other NW prisons are scheduling their work.

Finally we have to report again that here are still men arriving at Kirkham without current OASYS reports, but now sending prisons are being advised of failings!

Security continues to target those whose behaviour is not what is expected of a prisoner at Kirkham. The proactive stance on clamping down on those who cause issues around the camp is continuing to generate a higher quality SIR's (Security Information Reports). It is also important to reward positive behaviour and there has been a co-ordinated effort to update prisoner records (NOMIS) for positive achievements as well as the failures.

SEGREGATION/SEPARATION and CARE UNITS

There is no Segregation Block at Kirkham. It has been re-designated as a Secure Accommodation Unit (SAU) and is a Holding Unit for those offenders (268 in 2011) waiting to be returned to closed conditions.

The IMB are advised of all men who are to be transferred and they are offered an interview with us. 99% decline

A Serious Incident occurred in 2011 with a small fire being started in a cell. All procedures were followed and lessons learned.

Fortunately ACCT (assessment, care in detention and teamwork) is required only rarely but we need to ensure staff and the IMB are aware and have regular refresher training in procedures.

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Highlights of work in other areas

(alpha order)

Community Work

There are now three buses going out daily.

One is dedicated purely to grounds maintenance consisting of various churches a railway station and pathways around allotment areas in Kirkham.

Another project is Space (a charity for disabled children) in Preston who have a large garden area that has a preservation order on it. They are really pleased with the quality of work that we do and also the fact it saves them a lot of money from their limited funds.

The other two vans have done various projects including the Boys Brigade headquarters in Kirkham redecorating inside and out and paving pathways.

Finally there is the large project that is ongoing and ever ending but enjoyable with the Canal Trust who have approx 2500 miles of pathways in Lancashire area alone needing attention and restoring. Hard work but the lads enjoy it.

The group have also done a lot of work for the 'Lytham in Bloom' initiative on the promenade restoring the shelters and a general tidy up that received positive praise from the press and general public.

In the busy season we average a total of approx twenty lads on the vans.

DHL A break in took place in 2011 with the loss of over £5K of tobacco. The press enjoyed reporting the event! The burglar alarm is now connected on site as well as remotely and a steel cage has been built for additional protection of high value items.

From 2012 Liverpool Prison canteen will also be supplied by DHL and when the Area Chairs meeting was held at Kirkham during the autumn it was an opportunity to visit the packing centre and to understand that pricing is a NOMS Prison Service function and not DHL.

Farms and Gardens The Kirkham statistics of plants and produce grown and distributed and sold is fantastic. 11,000 cucumbers were grown as well as 10,000 kilos of peppers and 50,000 kilos of tomatoes. Also over a million bedding plants were grown here for 8 prisons and our Prison Farm outlet shop. Seasonal crops are produced because of the cost and weather. Between a 110 and 120 men are employed in the peak growing and harvesting period. Prisoners can take national recognised qualifications if they are interested in the industry to help them find work when they leave prison. This group also has responsibility for outdoor cropping, and the management of agriculture, e.g. groundwork, patios, planting and tree work and keeping the establishment grounds immaculate!

All produce is sold at our farm shop (open to the public), other prisons and private customers (eg local jam maker). We have a broker that sells the produce nationally. Staff work with two charities that collect 'out grade' products – these are products that could not make the outdoor sales. The 'out grade' products are donated to help those in need. And all waste is composted and recycled.

The livestock group (staff and prisoners) attend local agricultural shows with our very successful rare breed longhorn cows (approaching 50).

It is hoped some new trailers and machinery can be purchased in 2012

Finance - Over the past 4 years, Kirkham's budget has reduced by 25%, from £14m to £10.5m (around 33% in real terms); the budget will reduce to around £10m in 2012-13, following the application of next year's savings target.

The Senior Management Team have taken a proactive approach in meeting each year's targets and worked hard to minimise the impact on service delivery.

The *Kitchens and Dining Halls* are clean and hygienic areas in which to collect and eat food. Very few offenders eat their meals there, choosing instead to take the food back to their rooms in plastic containers.

The 3663 Meat Contract supplies were very suspect during the year – to the extent that the diced meat was inedible and IMB national representations were made and there are now NW farm suppliers and some improvement.

Separately I am sad to report a Bistro opened next to our visits to supply drinks and snacks has been refused planning permission by the Local Authority in case it took business away from Kirkham Centre (some 3/4 mile away!)

Pay Review for prisoners. This was finally introduced in 2011. It increased the minimum pay for those on the lowest rates and with 5 clearly defined pay scales there will be an incentive to both train and work in priority areas. There were some teething problems with training staff and the recording of the 10 sessions but these have now been resolved.

Queensland Committee. This bi-monthly prisoner management consultation forum is attended by the Senior Management Team as well as prisoner representatives and guest presenters. The topics are always wide ranging and the group are also consulted on potential changes including the doubling up of accommodation and changes to menus. It helps prisoners to understand the difficulties of changing a complex organisation and that demands cannot always be met due to financial issues, security requirements or other resource reasons.

It has recently looked into the differences in Town Visit provisions at Open Prisons, consideration for an Active Citizenship status and is also looking at the options for being able to provide affordable duvets that are 'fire retardant' and the 'changeover period' to be allowed for destruction of old duvets.

Section 7

THE WORK AND BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Mary Heaton MBE JP

Chair

Vice Chair

Board Development Officer

Members (6)

DUTIES CARRIED OUT BY BOARD

- Regular contact with the Governor, who also attends monthly meetings.
- Individual weekly Rota Visits, Attachment visits and billet inspections.
- Receiving Applications from prisoners.
- Monitoring Segregation of prisoners who are subject to an ACCT (and SAU).
- Attending Monthly Board meetings.
- Statutory training courses attendance.
- Observation of Parole Hearings and Adjudications including with the Independent Adjudicator.
- Observing some establishment meetings and forums on an ad-hoc basis.
- Escorting IMB members from other establishments & potential new members on prison tours.
- Chair attends Area meetings with Area manager and Chairs of other North West Prisons.

IMB STATISTICS

	2009	2010	2011
Recommended Compliment of Board Members	13	13	13
Number of members at start of reporting period	12	8	11
Number of members at end of reporting period	8	11	10
Newly appointed members within reporting period (transfer from Lancaster Castle)	2	5	2
Number of members leaving within reporting period	6	2	3
Number of attendances other than Board Meetings	193	172	158
Total number of visits to prison(including all meetings)	269	240	240

- ✚ Our Board Development Officer is currently on a sabbatical. Therefore we all try to ensure that members are kept up to date with ongoing training issues.
- ✚ 2011 has yet again seen increased responsibilities on key board members.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY BOARD - Total 23

Subject Matter	2009	2010	2011
Accommodation	0	0	0
Adjudications/IEP's	0	1	0
Diversity Related	0	2	0
Education/Employment/Training	6	2	6
Family/Visits	1	2	2
Food/Kitchen Related	0	1	0
Health Related	0	2	2
Property	5	7	4
Sentence Related	2	0	1
Staff/Prisoner Related	0	2	1
Transfers	1	5	1
Miscellaneous	5	4	4
ROTL	1	7	2
Parole (up to 2009)	1	-	-
Custody to work (up to 2009)	2	-	-
Private Money (up to 2009)	2	-	-
TOTAL	26	35	23

**HMP KIRKHAM
MONTHLY POPULATION ANNALYSIS 2011**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1. MIN UNLOCKING	554	580	571	575	577	570	577	580	574	576	582	575
2. MAX UNLOCKING	589	589	586	589	587	586	588	587	588	590	590	590
3. AVGE UNLOCKING	571	584	580	584	580	579	584	582	581	582	587	584
4. RECEPTIONS	100	68	73	53	67	82	77	88	68	98	70	74
5. DISCHARGES: NON-PAROLE	24	38	27	25	30	29	33	26	22	35	24	24
6. DISCHARGES: HDC	29	21	32	22	20	23	19	28	15	25	21	22
7. DISCHARGES: PAROLE	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	1	3	3	1	5
8. TRANSFERS	11	11	24	11	9	18	17	24	29	35	24	19
• ISP TX CLOSED									4	2	1	0
9. SENTENCE < 6 MTHS	2	1	6	4	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
• <input type="checkbox"/> 6 MTHS LESS THAN 12 MTH	13	11	9	12	4	5	5	2	3	5	3	2
• <input type="checkbox"/> 12 MTHS LESS THAN 2 YRS	31	35	52	48	43	40	33	19	25	23	17	18
• <input type="checkbox"/> 2 YRS LESS THAN 3 YRS	45	51	47	43	38	30	35	36	24	32	28	22
• <input type="checkbox"/> 3 YRS LESS THAN 4 YRS	45	45	40	49	51	54	47	43	51	47	48	51
• <input type="checkbox"/> 4 YRS LESS THAN 10 YRS	248	297	240	281	294	302	303	313	308	303	303	301
• <input type="checkbox"/> 10 YRS LESS THAN LIFE	55	61	49	62	66	67	64	68	70	65	60	58
• LIFE	47	43	39	40	40	44	42	51	47	48	49	51
• IPP	38	39	42	44	45	44	53	52	57	66	75	78
10. ABSCONDS	0	2	1	1	1	3	4	1	1	1	0	1
• ISP ABSCONDS									1	0	0	2
11. RECAPTURES	2	3	7	2	3	2	7	2	4	2	1	1
12. ASSAULTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. DRUG FINDS	14	16	17	13	9	17	7	13	16	6	12	15
14. MANDATORY DRUG TESTS	37	45	43	30	44	45	35	32	34	35	33	33
15. DRUG CHARGES	3	7	17	10	4	5	2	6	4	4	3	1
16. GOV'S ADJUDICATIONS	20	17	14	22	13	21	18	15	12	12	5	12
17. Adjs to be DEALT WITH BY IND. Adjudicator	2	6	10	9	5	8	1	2	6	2	3	4
18. REQUESTS/COMP RECEIVED	26	23	29	35	22	27	33	38	25	37	29	39
19. IMB APPLICATIONS	0	3	5	4	4	6	5	3	2	1	2	0
20. RESETTLEMENT /HOME LEAVE	313	322	323	407	365	359	378	336	363	348	338	381
21. TOWN VISITS	780	599	603	657	920	770	761	689	605	849	606	528
22. TEMPORARY RELEASE	2751	2610	2923	2620	2739	2884	2842	2701	3021	2859	2795	2506
23. RESET LEAVE TEMP REL FAILURES -	1	2	6	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	4
• ISP ROTL FAIL									3	1	1	0
24. MOBILE PHONES	40	48	49	20	15	56	19	33	22	35	31	14
• SIM CARDS	5	8	4	0	2	9	0	8	3	5	3	1

SECTION 8

CONCLUDING REMARKS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

As directed by the IMB Secretariat we report on five areas of Prison work and on other areas by exception so it is not a complete report of the Establishment. But we can report positively on the enthusiasm and commitment of staff and prisoners at HMP Kirkham in 2011. We accept that this was a difficult year for many who work and reside here. Financial restraints and HQ decisions on 'numbers' and policies will unfortunately continue to dictate the way forward for Kirkham.

Kirkham has a lot to be proud of and the Board wishes everyone well for 2011.

From the Board to HMP Kirkham:

Thank you to our clerk and our IMB Liaison officers Jeff Barber and Jerry Elliott who in addition to their normal working role always support us and provide information. Also thank you to our 2011 Governor John Hewitson and all staff for their help during the past year.

Chairman's Comments:

Thank you to the IMB members old and new for their support given and yet to give! As with many Boards we have found recruitment and retention of volunteers difficult. We held a Development Day in September to ensure we have an effective plan for monitoring Kirkham with reduced Board Members and the associated limited 'free time' of members. We now have the additional challenge that the 10 year Tenure rule for members at an Establishment will be introduced and we could lose valuable Open Prison monitoring experience.

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