



ANNUAL REPORT

HMP/YOI HATFIELD and MOORLAND

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SECTION 1

STATUTORY ROLE OF THE BOARD

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

IMB's have a unique position within the life of a prison and have an extremely important role to play, as a watchdog for the Secretary of State, in providing Ministers with advice on the standard or fairness and humanity with which those placed in custody by the courts are treated.

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 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 has.
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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SECTION 3 – DESCRIPTION OF THE PRISON

Moorland and Hatfield prisons are located in the Metropolitan District of Doncaster some 10 miles from Doncaster itself.

HMP Hatfield

HMP Hatfield (formerly Moorland Open) changed its name in the autumn of 2010 and is a Category D Open Prison currently holding 240 adults and 20 young offenders. It has 5 accommodation blocks, three built in the late 1980's and the other two were opened about eight years ago.

The older blocks are relatively clean and well maintained and are subject to a rolling programme of decoration, though as the board has reported on numerous occasions the toilet and showering facilities require upgrades and modernisation. Recently the number of young offenders being integrated into the adult blocks has been reduced from 40 to 20. The two new blocks are of the RTU type and each holds 40 adults who work outside the confines of the prison. Recently the staff offices and toilet arrangements on these units have been enlarged. The rooms in all units are single cells with privacy keys and televisions. HMP Hatfield has capacity to hold 260 prisoners.

Once again The Board requests that funds be made available for the total refurbishment of the shower areas and washrooms on A, B and C units, taking into consideration Decency and Safety.

The Board would like to congratulate the Gardens Department for their continued hard work and dedication, to produce grounds that give so much pleasure to staff, prisoners and visitors alike.

HMP Moorland

HMP Moorland is a Category C Training Establishment currently holding 307 adults and 139 young offenders. In this latter group are on average 4 young offenders serving life sentences, of whom approximately 1 young offender is categorised as having 'restricted status' and requiring a high level of security and care.

During the nights of November 2nd -5th, there was concerted indiscipline which led to the closure of two of the five houseblocks due to the damage and the removal of 200+ prisoners to other establishments around the country. A separate report on the Board's involvement in these three nights has already been presented to the minister but is also attached as an appendix to this report for the year. (Appendix 5-Page 32)

Prior to the riots Moorland had a Certified Normal Accommodation of 763 with an operational capacity of 826. There were 5 houseblocks, 3 for adults and 2 for young offenders. Now it has CNA of 453 with an Operational Capacity of 486. At present there is only 1 houseblock for Young Offenders and 2 for adults. The building of Houseblock 6 is on target to be completed later this year with the first prisoners due in it on 31 October 2011. There is a mixture of single and double cell accommodation across the 3 houseblocks. When Houseblock 4 is reopened, the prison will begin the integration of Young Offenders with adults across the whole prison, but keeping to the original numbers. All houseblocks have internal sanitation, power points and apart from those for basic regime prisoners, televisions. The painting of the houseblocks is undertaken by prisoners trained by the Painting and Decorating Workshop. Although the communal areas are of good order, the cells themselves

tend to be shabby and would benefit from decoration if only to hide the obvious graffiti.

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The walkways, stairs and stairwells and houseblock floors are cleaned by the Industrial Cleaning Department. Their efforts, along with those of the houseblock cleaners, have again resulted in a reasonably high standard of both cleanliness and appearance. Following our report last year the issue of litter around the establishment has been addressed quite successfully in the main, though some areas still give cause for concern.

Due to the riots of November 2010, the IDTS (Integrated Drug Treatment Service) is dispensed from Health Care. At present there are 64 offenders on this programme, but this number will undoubtedly increase once the prison is up to capacity. The prison has again asked for the showers in the 3 unaffected houseblocks to be updated as those on the two affected houseblocks will be. The Board continues to express its concerns about the potential for bullying in this area and hope that these upgrades will appear sooner rather than later.

Moorland is a pilot for the Layered Offender Management system, and is being held up as an example of good practice and cost effectiveness. The system incorporates Custody and Discipline office, Public Protection, OCA office, Sentence Planning Lifer Unit and IPP's and Probation. These are split into 4 teams and administrative staff are no longer job specific but have been renamed Case Administrators who deal with a case load of prisoners from entry into prison to release. Offender Supervisors (Officers and probation staff) handle a case load of approximately 50-60 cases each. The staff have led a training programme for other establishments on its implementation.

Gardens are well maintained and visually attractive, particularly those approaching the Visits Area. Hatfield provides gardeners to help maintain the areas outside the prison, including the car parks.

During the year Governor Tom Wheatley left the service and Governor Rob Kellett took his place. The old Health Care Centre has been refurbished to hold a maximum of 41 new Inductions in a purpose built Induction Unit. The prison is in the process of having Houseblock 6 built and this is due for occupation from 31 October. The refurbishment of houseblocks 1 and 4 due to the riots has been discussed and is scheduled to begin in April 2011.

SECTION 4 – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND AREAS REQUIRING A RESPONSE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Catering

Catering continues to be of a high standard on both sites. A varied menu is available including healthy eating options. The Board is very impressed that the catering manager manages to provide meals for £1.96 per prisoner per day when the benchmark nationally is £2.10

2. Healthcare

Staff have worked hard to continue to provide a professional standard of care during a difficult period. The Board continues to have concerns about the provision for prisoners with mental health issues.

3. Regimes and Resettlement

Hatfield continues to rehabilitate prisoners by its programme of work in the community, following which they move into paid employment helping them to reduce their re-offending, although the current economic climate has made an impact on this.

The Board commends the efforts made to ensure that prisoners are employed in work or education in Moorland, enabling them to attain a recognised qualification. The amount of work places at Moorland, once it is to full capacity, needs to be enough for all prisoners to gain employment.

4. Learning and Skills

The Board would like to congratulate all involved in the high standards of Achievement and the very good Ofsted report they received.

5. Equality

Hatfield and Moorland has an excellent relationship with the UK Border Agency. They attend on a monthly basis to Moorland. All Foreign Nationals at Moorland are aware of their future, which is dependant upon their status in the UK.

6. Safer Custody

The Board recognises the work done in this vital area, though the areas of bullying, mobile phones, drugs and gangs, whilst reflecting life outside prison, continue to give concern.

7. Segregation

The Board congratulates the staff in this unit on the care they deliver, but would like to see more training on mental health problems, given the turnaround of officers on the unit.

8. Security

The Board congratulates the department on its dynamic and proactive role in the prison.

9. Lifers

The Board would like to congratulate the staff in the Lifer department for their sterling work with the Lifer and IPP population in the prison. However, the large number of IPP's in the system and the prioritising of their requirements for courses etc can have a negative effect on the progress of the Lifers.

10. Recycling and Biodiversity

The Board commends this Department in its work across the establishment.

11. Property

This area continues to provide a large proportion of the Board's work.

12. Chaplaincy

The Board commends the work undertaken in this department

13. Induction

The Board is pleased to note that this now normally takes 3 days to complete at Moorland. However, the Board is concerned about the mis-information that can be gained by prisoners at Hatfield before they receive their induction there.

14 Public Protection

The Board commends the work undertaken in this department

15 Farms and gardens

Mention must again be made of the appearance of the prison especially HMP Hatfield, for which credit must be given to the Gardens Department. Also the Waste management at both sites is a credit to the staff and prisoners who work in these areas.

16 General

The Board congratulate the whole staff for the way they have kept the regime going at Moorland during the building work for Houseblock 6.

The prison underwent a full HMIP inspection, and an investigation of the disturbances which occurred in November. Also an MQPL visit occurred at the beginning of 2010. Many of the points of concern raised by the Board are being addressed in the resulting action plans.

Particular areas requiring a response

- The Board was particularly concerned to hear that some offenders who injured an officer prior to the three disturbances would not be prosecuted as it was not in the public interest according to the CPS. Surely ALL prisoners who attack an officer in the line of his/her duty should be prosecuted. Could the minister please comment on this so the correct signal is sent to all prisoners?
- Will the amount of work places at Moorland, once it is to full capacity, be enough to provide employment for all prisoners?
- Is there the possibility of extra education in Segregation once prisoners have attained reached level 2?
- Could Board members be offered the Hep B vaccination by the prison to counter the risk to which their duties expose them?

- The Board feels there is a danger that some prisoners may get the wrong information from other prisoners BEFORE they have the opportunity to ask their own specific questions at HMP Hatfield Reception. How is the prison going to address this problem?
- The Board has identified a cause for concern in the proposed reduction in the amount of funding allocated to the internal Probation Service and the inevitable cutbacks that could follow. How is this being addressed?

The Board wishes to thank both staff and prisoners for the cooperation it receives carrying out its statutory duties.

SECTION 5

Section 5.1 - Diversity

HMP Hatfield and Moorland service a racially and culturally diverse community for both staff and offenders and promote an environment in which everyone feels safe, welcome and confident they will be treated fairly regardless of their ethnicity.

During the reporting period there has been an excellent attendance at the meetings which take place on a bi-monthly basis, a member of the Board attends regularly. All the elements of the Race Equality standards are met during these meetings. The Offender Race Representatives, comprising prisoners from both sites, attend these meetings and they have played a vital role throughout this reporting period. Race Equality representative training continues and the trained representatives at both sites to play a full and active part in promoting race equality. They also provide instruction to offenders on the induction programme which the Board feels is a positive step and helps to instil confidence in the race equality policy as well as giving the representatives a sense of purpose and achievement.

In addition they attend bi-monthly meetings before each Race Equality meeting. At this meeting they can bring their concerns and issues to the committee where they are fully discussed. Although this can be a daunting process for prisoners the staff have made every effort to make them feel welcome and actively encouraged to engage in the discussions throughout the meeting ensuring a positive input.

All RIRF's (Racial Incident Report Forms) are discussed and if any action is required a plan is formulated these are available throughout both sites of the establishment in the English language and 22 community languages for non-English speakers.

In addition HMP Hatfield and Moorland, HMP Lindholme and HMP Doncaster collectively have formed an external scrutiny panel which is held quarterly on a rotational basis with external agencies from each establishment, race reps from the hosting establishment, Race Equality Officers and chaired by the Governor from the prison where the meeting is being held. The panel examines 6 RIRF's from each establishment, providing transparency and the opportunity to develop strategies and share good practice from neighbouring establishments.

Unfortunately, because of efficiency savings, the Diversity week was unable to be held during this reporting period.

Foreign Nationals

A list of current prisoners is provided to the direct contact at the UKBA (United Kingdom Borders Authority) in Leeds on a bi-monthly basis and they select who is required to be seen at the next visit, although Foreign Nationals can apply to be seen by them and they will be accommodated. UKBA generally sees all those in their last 12 months as it appears that they are mainly the ones the immigration services are interested in. At the last visit they saw 15 prisoners who were selected or who had asked for a consultation. It is generally felt that all Foreign National offenders at Moorland know their future.

A Board member attends the REAT (Race Equality Action Team) meetings on a bi-monthly basis and reports positively on the effectiveness of this group.

Section 5.2 - Healthcare

Hatfield

The Healthcare Centre provides limited clinical services for 260 prisoners with other treatment facilities available at the Moorland site. Some of the clinics are nurse-led, and there is provision of a Doctor on a daily basis.

Facilities exist for the provision of the Integrated Drug Treatment Services programme, although it is the Board's observation that little use has been made of this. The provision of nursing administration has been much appreciated.

Moorland

Along with the general clinical services are specialist clinics for Asthma, Diabetes, Epilepsy, Chronic Heart Disease, Hepatitis B & C, Well-Man, Primary and Secondary Mental Health. Lists for dentists, optician services, chiropody, physiotherapy and hospital appointments are generally no longer than those in the community, in fact in many instances are shorter. Prisoner treatment requirements which are not available in-house are dealt with by Emergency Care Practitioners or by transfer to HMP Doncaster or Doncaster Royal Infirmary.

The Doncaster Primary Care Trust (PCT) appointed Serco as the preferred supplier of nursing services until August 2010 when Nottinghamshire NHS was appointed as the preferred supplier of all Healthcare Services.; this encompasses Dental, Optician, Doctors, Pharmacy and Chiropody.

The past 12 months have been a busy period with the additional pressure of the change of provider of nursing care and other specialities. It is the Board's observation that since Nottinghamshire NHS took over improvements are taking place and moving towards a fully integrated service. However, after some 7 months the Board would have expected that staff to have been issued with job descriptions, uniforms and ongoing updated training. As a result of nursing recruitment there is significantly less reliance upon Agency staff and the Board are pleased to report a much improved morale amongst nursing staff.

The Prisoners' waiting area which in the past has from time to time proved to be a volatile area is now much improved following the completion of refurbishment work funded by The Kings Fund.

Under the new arrangements any prisoners requiring Genito-Urinary medicine diagnosis and treatment are sent to Doncaster Royal Infirmary. It is of concern to the Board that this arrangement does not utilise the existing in-house expertise of a specialist award-winning nurse. Nor would it appear to be cost-effective or maintain the necessary levels of confidentiality and dignity required. We are advised that the good practice target for diagnosis and treatment in GUM is 48 hours; this target is not being met perhaps because prisoners are not priority patients.

The Integrated Drug Treatment Services programme is now managed within the Healthcare Unit, which prescribes and monitors the methadone programme; this appears to be working well.

The provision of Primary and Secondary care for prisoners with mental health issues will, the Board feel significantly improve further with the introduction of a fully-integrated approach between Primary and Secondary mental health, Carats and IDTS.

The Board would like to commend the Healthcare staff for continuing to give a professional service.

Section 5.3 – Learning and Skills

The high point of the year for Learning and Skills was the outcome of the two Ofsted inspections in December 2010 in which both Moorland and Hatfield were awarded Grade 2's for each of the 5 Common Inspection Framework aspects. The reports highlighted that learners achieved well in their qualifications, that there are high standards of work, good quality of teaching and training and good strategic leadership and management, which have led to significant improvements since the previous inspection in 2005. The reports also highlighted the good partnership between the prison and the OLASS providers.

New staffing models with The Manchester College were implemented on 1st August 2010 with line management responsibility for both education departments remaining with the existing Education Manager. At Hatfield, the Deputy Education Manager post became full-time and a new trainer post in horticulture was introduced.

During the year the range of qualifications offered was extended to include:

- Business Administration NVQ Levels 2 and 3 in V.T. Computers
- I.T. Essentials in the PICTA workshop
- QCF Level 2 - Cleaning and Cleaning Supervision in Industrial Cleaning

The Key Work Skills target of 700 was exceeded with a total of 857 outcomes being achieved. This target relates to all the Non-OLASS provision including P.E., Workshops and Gardens although those achievements by The Manchester College do not contribute towards this target.

An analysis of accreditation figures for Moorland can be found at Appendix 4 – Page 31.

Several initiatives at Hatfield have enhanced the provision of opportunities for prisoners, especially a "Help Desk" for external agencies such as NACRO, Job Centre Plus and Shelter. This provides an opportunity for prisoners to interact with agency staff.

A Family Day was held at Hatfield so that prisoners on the vocational training catering course could put on a "Chef's Table" whereby they prepared a meal to share with their families. Further curriculum days are planned to include horticulture and art.

Mentoring and Safeguarding courses were delivered in conjunction with SOVA and these in turn have provided peer mentors to support in areas such as Resettlement and Induction.

Significant staff changes have been made to the Gardens and Industrial Cleaning departments at Hatfield. Both are now included in the Environmental Services department and vocational qualifications have been reintroduced into both areas

A total of fourteen External Verifier visits from a range of awarding organisations took place. These were successful visits with positive reports on quality procedures, learning portfolios and standardisation activities.

7 pieces of work were entered into the 2010 Koestler awards; 2 were given a highly commended award and 1 a gold award.

The broadband facility in the PICTA workshop has been completed. This will allow learners to complete on-line examinations and progress from the ECDL suite of awards to the I.T. Essentials qualification.

Library provision

The Library has contributed towards the development of literacy and language skills at both Hatfield and Moorland. Reading Champions has been initiated with the following achievements:

- 39 Bronze Awards
- 20 Silver Awards
- 9 Gold Awards

The Toe-by-Toe reading scheme has been facilitated by the library orderlies in their role as mentors and they have supported fifteen learners in developing their literacy skills.

The Six Book Challenge has been open to emerging readers and has had twenty-two participants.

The Storybook Dads project continues to help maintain and support family ties. Forty prisoners have taken the opportunity to record a story for their child. As a further development of this project, the Braille Workshop has started to promote a similar, story-time project with sixty-four recordings completed in the first quarter of 2011.

The Library offers an I.T. facility for prisoners to work on the Driver Theory Test Practice and during this period 70 prisoners have taken up this opportunity.

The Library at Hatfield has extended its opening hours to 2 evenings each week to enable access to those prisoners who are working in the community during the day

Section 5.4 – Safer Custody

There were 165 reported incidents of self-harm compared with 94 for the previous 12 months; none of these were near-fatal incidents. The number of ACCT documents opened was 146, a slight increase from the 139 opened in the previous 12 months reporting period. 20 of these were transfers in on open ACCTs from other establishments. The major rise in self-harm incidents was chiefly due to three prolific self-harmers artificially inflating the figures in using self-harm as a way of coping with their stress. All three suffered from personality disorders and despite a high level of support from several areas, it was difficult to break their self-harm cycle prior to their transfers out.

The Moorland Listener scheme continues to be a major part of the suicide prevention strategy, with a group of up to 18 Listeners carrying out an average of between 40 to 60 hours per month on Listener duties around the establishment. The majority of this

is carried out in the Induction unit with a Listener seeing every new reception into Moorland on their arrival. This undoubtedly contributes to a reduction in the anxiety and potential for self-harm for prisoners transferred in to this establishment. The Board believes that this is reflected in the relatively low level of ACCTs noted above. Follow up contacts are made by a Listener for those identified as being particularly vulnerable. There is a Samaritan training course planned for training up the next Listener group in June 2011.

There were 418 bullying referrals made in the reporting period, similar to the 437 reported in the previous year. 133 prisoners were monitored on anti-bullying monitoring, up from 108. There is still a lack of accredited intervention work available to manage those identified as bullies but this is a prison service-wide problem and not local to Moorland.

There were 4 assaults on staff in the reporting period against 5 the previous year. Reported fights and assaults on prisoners went down from 92 to 55 in the 12 month period. There were 175 incidents of use of force compared with 252 for the previous 12 months and 1443 adjudications were laid compared with 2046 the previous year.

The main concern for a safer Moorland must centre on the circumstances/ events that created an environment where HB 4 and then HB 1 had 3 consecutive nights of rioting in November 2010. This has been, and still is, subject to both an internal prison service and Police investigations.

Drug Strategy

The number of IDTS prisoners during February in HMP&YOI Hatfield and Moorland was maintained at of 65.

At the end of February we had 62 prisoners prescribed methadone, with 2 prisoners maintaining on suboxone and 1 on Subutex. 62 prisoners were maintaining on methadone with none discharged from treatment, and none discharged to the community.

There are 105 active Carat clients, with 20 suspended clients.
There are no prisoners waiting for assessment.

There were 2 prisoners at HMP&YOI Hatfield on methadone, both maintaining.
There are 28 active Carat clients, and 5 suspended clients.

February MDT – to date:

24 Random tests – 2 positive, 1 x Cannabis HB3, 1 x Cannabis and Buprenorphine.
05 Suspicion tests – 0 positive (1 positive mitigated methadone)
04 Reception tests – 0 positive (3 positive mitigated methadone)
05 Risk assessment tests – 0 positive (1 positive mitigated methadone)

Section 5.5 - Segregation

Hatfield does not have a Segregation Unit and any prisoner requiring segregation is moved to Moorland.

Moorland has a 28 cell unit which is clean, well decorated with carpet in the waiting area and is managed by experienced and competent staff. The Board is informed within the 24 hour time frame of any prisoner being located in the unit and is routinely informed of the use of the Special Accommodation cells and mechanical restraints. Board members regularly attend adjudications which are held on the unit as well as those dealt with by the District Judge. In this way the Board is confident that fairness is seen to be done. A Board member attends the Security Committee where the Segregation Unit is discussed and the unit's details are incorporated into the Governor's monthly report to the Board. Another member attends the SMARG committee meeting and thus the board is sure all aspects are fair. All prisoners are visited on a weekly basis by the Board member on rota duty, who speaks to all of them. A Board member attends and completes a written report on the 14 day Review Board for continued segregation. It is part of any member's routine, to visit and sign the daily sheet in Segregation on any occasion they visit the prison. This has again been a very busy year for the Segregation Unit.

Statistics for this area can be found at Appendix 2 – Page 29

The Board congratulates the Segregation Unit on their handling of some very difficult prisoners and also on the way they communicate with those on the unit for their own safety.

SECTION 6

Section 6.1 - Induction

Hatfield

Once the prisoner has been delivered to Hatfield, the Reception staff go through the booking-in procedure with care and professionalism. The area itself looks shabby and would benefit from decoration (at time of writing this is in progress). Good relationships between staff and prisoners have been observed by members. Here Induction is done as and when the prisoners arrive by the use of an extensive information booklet which is handed to the prisoner at Reception. If the prisoners have any questions there is an "Open Door" arrangement once a week where they can find out the answers to any unanswered questions. The Board has been told of examples where misinformation has been given to prisoners by other prisoners before officers have been able to be on hand. The Board feels there is a danger that some prisoners may get the wrong information from other prisoners BEFORE they have the opportunity to ask their own specific questions.

Moorland

Moorland has had a new Induction Unit created from the old Health Care Centre. It can house up to 41 prisoners. It is bright and well equipped where all services interview the new prisoners.

Once prisoners have been received into the establishment, they are processed in Reception. This is a bright, welcoming, clean and well organised area from which they are walked through to the Induction Unit. Good relationships have been observed between officers and G4S staff and also between prisoners and officers. They are seen by the Senior Officer and informed about their PIN numbers and asked whether they require a smoker's pack or not. They are initially given the first night information booklet, a first night pack, letter and pen and the national compact. They are seen by the Chaplaincy Team and the nurse. Then will begin a period of induction usually lasting about 3 days. This is to help prisoners settle into prison life. The induction sessions have been developed to explain how the prison works and what each prisoner's responsibilities are. It also helps prisoners to think about making the best use of their time in custody. The prisoners are informed about the rules and regulations including a separate information booklet on the Independent Monitoring Board. The gym instructors provide the gym induction in the training room including the Manual Handling and the Heart Start. It is also used for those prisoners placed on constant watches as there is a gated cell as an alternative location for at risk prisoners.

The Board has provided the eight key messages and they are placed onto the in-cell information channel on the television network. The Board has developed a leaflet for new prisoners as mentioned earlier which was produced in the prison's Braille workshop. The Braille workshop also produces other leaflets/magazines for prisoners. They have taken into account the need for a particular font which is easier to read by dyslexic inmates.

The Induction Unit is now on the matrix for monitoring by the Board on a weekly basis.

Section 6.2 - Security

Security

Hatfield brings its own security problems. Here the security staff have the difficult task of preventing drugs and alcohol entering the prison through workers returning in the evening. The fact that there is no secure fence around the establishment does not help. The prolific finds of drugs and mobile phones are a testament to their success. Like their colleagues at Moorland there is a need for continuous vigilance

Moorland continues to have a dynamic and pro-active security department. All the staff in the department work hard to make the prison a safe and secure environment for both staff and prisoners. At their monthly meetings issues are discussed and monthly objectives revised and set. All members of the committee are asked for an input.

As with most establishments, drugs, mobile telephones and weapons are the main issues of concern. However, with staff vigilance and the careful monitoring of SIRs these problems are kept within manageable proportions.

The IDTS programme brings with it its own challenging problems. The security department and healthcare continuously monitor the IDTS programme to prevent prescribed medication being taken from prisoners by intimidation and violence. Such behaviour is disrupted by the identification and monitoring of groups involved.

Visits continues to bring its own security problems with regards to drugs. As with other issues it is only by coordinating vigilance, intelligence and YAST that any attempts to bring drugs into the prison are minimised.

The building of the new Houseblock 6, a new kitchen and the refurbishment of other areas have brought added security problems. With dozens of contractors on site, an increase in vehicle activity and a breach in the outside wall, systems have been put in place to maintain a secure prison whilst facilitating the smooth running of the building programme. Along with this has gone the management of a raft of OSG staff to help oversee the contractors.

A disappointment from a security point of view was the lack of intelligence leading up to the serious disturbances in November (fully reported elsewhere). The Governor is also disappointed by this and will no doubt implement procedures to prevent any occurrence.

The Board wish to congratulate the security department at both sites for ensuring that both prisons are a safe environment for both staff and prisoners.

The Board are pleased that following last year's report, searching is not being dropped for other tasks.

Section 6.3 - Catering

Finance – Hatfield and Moorland

Over the past 12 months (March 2010-February 2011) the pressures on the prisoner kitchens have resulted mainly from the continual price rises from our suppliers. To be fair to them they have had external pressures applied to them from the sudden rise in fuel prices, and with the low value of the pound they have import price rises to contend with. These pressures have contributed to much higher prices which were not budgeted for at the beginning of the year.

The concerted act of indiscipline on the houseblocks has resulted in a reduction of prisoners in the establishment since early December which relieved the pressure on the catering budget for this financial year.

For the forthcoming year the Governor has started to address the daily food allowance and hopefully if prices stabilise the prison should be able to balance the budget this year. This will always be a difficult juggling act and, with the continuing support from Senior Management will continue to provide a varied and appetising menu selection.

Refurbishment - Moorland

In October of last year Moorland moved the main kitchen to a PKL temporary kitchen. The transition has been difficult but the kitchen staff and the Houseblock 6 Management Team have been fantastic.

The temporary kitchen has limited equipment and could have been a far more daunting experience than has been encountered. Special arrangements to get round problematic situations have been put in place and are working well. Special thanks to the Residential Houseblock Servery Staff for their help and support in this matter. The new refurbished kitchen is running slightly behind schedule but we are hopeful for completion in late July.

Staffing – Hatfield and Moorland

There has been a full complement of staff all year with the exception of 1 member of staff who had a prolonged period of sick absence (4 months).

Section 6.4 – Public Protection

A member of the Board has special responsibilities for monitoring the work of the Public Protection meeting, ably chaired by the Senior Probation Officer.

Prisoners on arrival who are convicted of or who are deemed to pose a special risk to children during visits are initially assessed at Level 1 where full restrictions apply. As well as Probation, other members of the prison staff who are relevant to the inmate's current status, such as Healthcare and Offender Management are in attendance, where decisions are made to progress inmates through the various levels up to Level 4 if it is deemed safe to do. During the course of the meeting, prisoners are also assessed for the degree of danger they pose to the general public, usually in the form of domestic abuse when their sentence release date is approaching and close contact is maintained with their assigned Probation Officer who is made aware of the risks they might pose.

The Prison Service has identified a need for closer liaison between these two facets of public protection and it is gratifying to report that HMP Moorland has been in the forefront of this development. Problems continue to be identified including the late arrival of prisoners' security files which causes considerable delays in processing inmates through the various levels. It is hoped this will show a considerable improvement once the system is computerised. The Board has also identified a further cause for concern in the proposed reduction in the amount of funding allocated to the internal Probation Service and the inevitable cutbacks that could follow, a situation that the Board will closely monitor.

The Board commends the work done in this important area.

Section 6.5 – Lifers

HMP & YOI Hatfield and Moorland currently have 27 Young Lifers and 67 IPP offenders some of which are adults. These numbers are significantly lower at present following the disturbances in Moorland in November 2010.

All Lifers and IPP receive an induction from the Offender Management Unit where their sentences are explained to them and includes the parole process. A new leaflet has been published by the Parole Board as an easy and quick reference and all Offender Supervisors are ensuring that their IPP's/Lifers are receiving them.

Owing to the new security vetting procedures the prison's Lifer days in the last year have undergone a change in format. They are unable to give the family members a tour of the establishment and now accommodate the whole day in the visits hall. Each Offender is allowed to have 4 family members which include children. All children/offenders are subject to public protection measures.

The last Lifer day held in February 2011 was very successful where numerous departments attended and interacted with the visitors. The feedback was very positive and the offenders and the families took a lot of information away with them. One family member stated that she was able to sleep at night knowing her son is cared for and his needs catered for thus enabling him to change his life around. She stated that she had seen a positive change in her son since he arrived at Moorland and thanked the team for their support.

Lifers have their sentence plan completed by Offender Supervisors at Moorland and are seen within 24 hours of allocation of an Offender Supervisor. They have provisional targets set for them until the OASys assessment is carried out.

IPP's are the responsibility of their Offender Manager in the community and at HMP Moorland the Offender Supervisor will visit them within 5 days and refer the prisoners to any courses that have been set for them.

Offending behaviour work such as PASRO, CALM and TSP has been prioritised according to release dates, but since our Lifers/IPP do not have release dates as such, the waiting list is great. Management has made an agreement with the programmes department to allow a percentage of Lifers/IPP's on each course to enable them to address their offending behaviour before Parole.

The Offender Management Unit, where at all possible, is making sure that Lifers' time at Moorland is constructive and that when they are not completing offence focused work they are improving their education or gaining qualifications.

Psychology assesses all Lifers and IPPs after they have been referred by the offender Supervisors.

All IPP's have Parole dates to work towards and it is a huge part of the Offender Supervisor's responsibility to ensure that the offenders know what their objectives are, what is expected of them and to work closely with the Offender Manager. Accurate parole reports are then compiled to help the Parole Board in deciding what the individual offender's future is.

All Lifer transfers are arranged by the Lifer department and are accepted on an individual basis.

Liaison between sending establishments is paramount to enable a smooth transition through the system. The prison has to ensure that the Lifers arriving at Moorland are suitable, so it can cater for their sentence plan needs and ensure their safety. A large majority of Lifers have gang affiliations and consideration has to be made for this. Hatfield and Moorland do not want to encourage "the gang culture" or indeed pose a risk by locating individuals with opposing members of other gangs.

The Offender Management Unit is carrying out training relating to gangs to tackle this problem.

Section 6.6 – Regimes

Hatfield

All prisoners at Hatfield are given work placements, either in education, kitchens, industrial cleaning or gardens as well as those prisoners on task force and work placements in the community.

Moorland

It has been a difficult year for the workshop group with members of staff taking lengthy periods of sick leave, from which many returned on alternative/limited duties.

The current recession has hindered attempts to engage with new external contractors and secure suitable work.

Due to the refurbishment of the kitchen and the building of Houseblock 6, a temporary kitchen has been sited in our workshop storage yard, which has caused significant difficulties when receiving and dispatching goods and materials. The main CES Stores has relocated into the workshop stores/fork lift truck training area. This has resulted in the suspension of the fork lift training and has further compounded the issues surrounding the loss of the storage yard. The television repair shop has experienced difficulties with the storage of units both awaiting repair and units awaiting dispatch, but the workshop still continues to perform to a high standard generating a good income for the prison and providing quality work for prisoners.

Industrial Cleaning workshop received a visit from the external verifier and passed inspection to a high standard yet again. It has also taken responsibility for valeting official vehicles, which will save the prison a considerable amount each year.

The introduction of the new profile has had a direct impact on the purposeful activity hours we have been able to achieve. The profile has reduced the number of hours available to the Learning and Skills group and has had a negative impact on our ability to meet certain contracts. On a number of occasions work has been passed to other workshops to ensure that quotas were met.

An Instructional Officer transferred to Hatfield and the post was re-graded to Officer Instructor. Our efforts to find a suitably qualified replacement for another Instructor has failed and the prison has now entered into consultation with the trade unions/associations with a view to re-grading the post to Officer Instructor. Another Officer Instructor has left the group and returned to discipline duties and we are currently seeking to replace him. The group is currently running with 2 vacancies.

In the latter part of 2010 the prison experienced a period of concerted indiscipline, resulting in the closure of houseblocks 1 and 4. The reduction in the prison roll has adversely affected the numbers of prisoners attending activities places. A new workplace risk assessment has been introduced to better assess the individuals for activities and speed up the process of allocating labour. Agreement has also been reached with the Operations department, that save exceptional circumstances, all new receptions will be assessed for activities within 7 days of their arrival at Moorland. The TES staff have made every effort to maintain the activity roll, which has been a difficult task, due to the limited number of suitable prisoners for some of the specialist workshops.

Moorland's efforts to meet the purposeful activity target were further hampered by an extended period of severe weather conditions. The conditions were such that many staff could not attend for their detailed duties, resulting in the closure of activity places.

The Breakfast Packs Workshop was relocated to the kitchen and the workshop adapted to meet temporary contracts as they arose. There are now plans to use the Contract 3 Workshop as a CES store, working in partnership with the Finance Department.

Moorland has acquired 2 plastic moulding machines following the closure of HMP Ashwell. Subject to the installation and commissioning of these machines we anticipate a possible return of approximately £80,000 per annum.

Moorland's financial appropriations and aid (A&A) target for 2010/2011 was £115,000, which we exceeded closing the financial year at £163,403. Other incomes were also exceeded during the financial year.

The time out of cell was reduced owing to the regime change. At present we have enough activity places, but prior to the indiscipline there were only about 80% spaces available.

Having said that, members are still finding prisoners on the houseblock instead of at work. The Regime Governor is continuing to follow up all discrepancies.

Section 6.7 – Gymnasium

Hatfield

HMP Hatfield gymnasium and sports facilities provide for both indoor and outdoor activities. The weights and CV room has various CV equipment, weights machines as well as free weights. Indoor facilities also include a Warm Up/Stretch zone and a sports hall where volleyball, basketball, studio cycling and body pump take place. Outdoor facilities include a full cricket wicket and pavilion and full sized football pitch. HMP Hatfield has both cricket and football teams that compete in local leagues, though all matches are played at home.

The gym is very well used by the prisoners both during the day and in the evenings. The prison has a very good relationship with a Special Needs school in the area that weekly bring in the students for sessions with the prisoners. It has a brilliant effect on the students and the prisoners feel they are doing something valuable for those less fortunate than themselves.

Moorland

HMP & YOI Moorland organises and provides a wide and varied programme which caters for offenders from diverse groups and backgrounds. The regime provides a variety of recreational activities which include:

Football, weights, rugby, circuit training, body pump, spinning (cycle fusion), running club (suspended while the new houseblock work is built), cricket, indoor uni-hockey, volleyball, badminton over 35's circuits and yoga.

The overweight, those that are less fit, those who have an underlying medical condition or are returning from injury are provided with remedial sessions which help them prepare for integrating back into the normal programme.

Also because of the loss of two houseblocks during November 2010 the prisoners have had the opportunity of extra sessions. This means they are able to have two weight and two other classes per week as well as any sessions for the different squads and the use of weekend and evening sessions.

Activities and accredited courses to help those being released to gain employability. These include:

- OCN Healthy Diet and nutrition
- Active IQ Healthy Level 1 and 2
- Active IQ Circuit Instructor
- Football skills
- Athletic skills
- Cricket skills
- Rugby CLA
- Basketball referees and Leaders
- First -aid at work
- Basic treatment of injuries
- NVQ Level 1 in sports and recreation
- Spinning Instructor (OCN) Level 2
- Football Association's treatment of injuries Level 2
- Community Sports leader award NVQ Level 2
- Volleyball Skills

- Gym Instructors

The staff have a very positive attitude that they transfer to the prisoners and this is despite a member being off sick long term and the loss of the AstroTurf area.

Centre approval status has been gained from both OCN and OCR, which allows internal verification of candidates with usually only one visit per year from an EV. This has saved a large amount of money enabling staff to put on more courses. 1 charity event November for Prostate Cancer. There is a community links officer, who helps to provide a smooth resettlement for prisoners who have gained qualifications in the leisure industry.

For the staff, first-aid at work courses are provided and the weights and fitness rooms are available for use at specific times. Assistance is offered to staff who are struggling to achieve the standard for the annual fitness test. Yearly the gym staff help to organise a health day where all staff can be offered help to get into shape by exercise and through health checks.

The Gymnasiums at both sites work very efficiently and are an essential part of the prison regime

Section 6.8 – Resettlement

Due to the current economic climate the number of paid outwork opportunities for prisoners at Hatfield has become very limited. However, there has been an increase in the number of opportunities for voluntary work. Up to 85 prisoners at Hatfield can take part in paid or voluntary work on a daily basis.

A total of 87 prisoners attended a Training and Employment Opportunities event at Hatfield with representatives attending from a local college and the Chamber of Commerce. The focus of the event was to promote construction and highway maintenance courses linked to apprenticeships.

It is disappointing to note the Connexions provision, which provided specialist careers advice to Young Offenders was significantly reduced during the year and has now been withdrawn due to external efficiency savings.

There is a service level agreement in place with Shelter to provide advice and support on accommodation including rent arrears and debt. This service was commended as particularly effective by the HMIP during their inspection in December 2010.

Partnership working between the various agencies within the Resettlement Department has continued to be effective and representatives from each of the agencies have attended the bi-monthly Resettlement meetings.

New developments at Hatfield include the appointment of a dedicated resettlement manager permanently on site which should enhance the running of the facility. Resettlement have worked extremely hard to maintain KPT's and progress especially in this economic climate.

Section 6.9 – Reception and Property

Property, in common with many other establishments, is one of the issues that generate most applications to the Board. We have had many instances over the year where inmates have been received into both establishments without some of their property.

The Board have observed the protocol, in both Reception areas, used in the delivery of prisoners from other establishments. We have discovered on occasions that some property fails to arrive with the prisoner, or arrives late.

In the reception area at Moorland is a considerable amount of property left after the riots on November 2010. This property was not on prisoners' property cards and therefore could not be issued.

Statistics about the Reception and Discharges (in General Statistics) from both sites can be found at Appendix 2 - Page 29

The Board is greatly impressed by the way staff receive and discharge prisoners through both these busy areas.

Section 6.10 – Chaplaincy

This year has seen changes to the Chaplaincy team. The Mormon chaplain retired at the age of 90 and his replacement volunteers on a Monday afternoon.

The faith based courses continue to be well attended. During the year the RC Bishop of Hallam administered the sacrament of Confirmation to 6 offenders.

The Bishop of Hallam made a Pastoral visit to the prison and was particularly impressed by the recycling workshop.

Once more on Maundy Thursday a number of Christian offenders of all traditions were invited to attend a Sender Meal. This time the washing of the feet was introduced as this would have been part of the original tradition. Twelve offenders volunteered/invited to take part.

There were 2 visits from the Pentecostal Gospel choir from Sheffield, as always much appreciated

These various religions celebrate their religious festivals

- Ramadan - feast of Eid-Ai Fitr
- Francophile group - French spoken African countries in July
- Sikh and Hindu - The main Sikh festivals were celebrated

All these groups finished with a celebration of food provided by VT Catering, which was enjoyed by all who participated

The Imam was away during July. Imams attended from other establishments to conduct Friday prayers.

Unfortunately we are still without a Buddhist minister. Guidance was sought from the Buddhist representative at headquarters but the nominated person has still not attended.

With the introduction of the re profiling in September and the change of the day for the RC Mass there were some initial teething problems. This has now settled down.

The chaplaincy team held 2 days for staff one in June (“Midsummer Madness”) the other (“Hot Chocolate”) coffee day and both very well attended. Feedback was very positive.

The team have run 4 Kaleidoscope bereavement courses. The course has proven beneficial to those who have attended. Chaplaincy still offers one-to-one support on bereavement issues when required. Throughout the year members of the team have facilitated funeral services as well as memorial services for offenders who have lost loved ones.

The Chaplaincy team is represented on the following meetings

- IEP
- Segregation
- Safer Prisons
- ACCT Reviews
- IDTS
- Public Protection

Members of the team are also part of the Care Team.

The team continues to have monthly meetings to which all members whether employed or volunteers are invited.

SECTION 7 – WORK OF THE BOARD

At the beginning of the year the Board had a membership of 15 but two members resigned. The Board has a complement of 13 at present.

The Board has maintained its frequency of visits to the establishment and monitors all aspects of the prison.

An analysis of its visits can be found at Appendix 1 - Page 28.

The Chairman wishes to thank the Board for its continued support during the year.

1. Adjudications

Adjudications at both sites are observed by Board members, who consider them to be fair and well run by the Governors and staff.

Moorland has a visiting District Judge. Members have the opportunity to observe adjudications which have been adjourned for his attention.

Adjudication awards are reviewed and standardised by Governors on a regular basis. A member attends this meeting.

2. Applications

Hatfield Applications are dealt with as soon as possible by the member on rota duty and are recorded in the application log.

Moorland has a designated member tasked to deal with applications on a weekly basis. Applications are received via the prison's Request and Complaints clerk. An analysis of applications is given. As in previous years the majority of the applications relate to property and transfers.

3. Committees

Members of the Board observe and participate in prison committees on a regular basis and reports are given at the monthly meetings. Currently it is involved in 16 committees including Adjudication Standards, Chaplaincy, Diversity, Drug Strategy, Environment, Health and Safety, Lifers, Public Protection, Race Equality Reaction Team, Resettlement, Security, Regimes, Residence, Senior Management, Safer prisons. The Board also monitors and takes part in the ACCT and IEP reviews on a regular basis. One member is on the National IMB Care Team. Additionally the Chair and the Vice Chair attend the Area Manager's Meetings.

4. Incidents

There have been 5 serious incidents during this reporting period where the command suite had to be opened (3 of these during November on which a separate report to the Minister is attached as an appendix –Page 32). On each occasion the Board was informed promptly and members attended. Members were briefed as soon as they entered the suite and monitored the surrenders on all occasions before accompanying the prisoners to the Segregation Unit.

5. Rota Visits

At both sites a member is rostered each week to undertake the visit. In accordance with the IMB Reference Book instructions the Segregation Unit, Healthcare Centre and kitchens are always visited on a weekly basis along with at least one designated houseblock. All other areas of the prison are visited on a regular but less frequent basis.

Segregation Review is attended fortnightly on a rota system.

A written report is produced and presented to the Governor for comment and feedback. Any urgent matters of concern can be raised with the Governor immediately whilst other matters can be discussed at the monthly meeting.

6. The Board Meeting

Prior to the monthly meeting the Board receives the Governor's written report on activities at both sites. This report contains sections from the functional heads. The Governor attends the meeting, expands on the reports and responds to questions and concerns from the Board.

The Board values the information updates contained in these reports and appreciates the time given by the staff in their compilation.

7. Training and Visits

Members of the Board have attended the IMB Conference.

The Board has visited HMP The Wolds who also in return have visited HMP Moorland. Training sessions are held bi-monthly prior to the monthly meetings where prison staff are invited to speak on a variety of subjects.

Mike Rusling - Chair

- Maureen Oakes – Vice Chair
- Wendy Anwar – Board Development Officer
- Mac Ahmed
- Chris Barrett
- Janette Barton
- Reg Cartner
- Neil French
- Peter Lodge
- John Melton
- Jane Morgan
- Stephanie Shackley
- Linda Shaw

Resigned during the year:

- Colin Bycroft
- Warren Murdoch

APPENDIX 1 – BOARD STATISTICS

Recommended Complement of Board Members	20
Number of Board Members at the start of the reporting period	13
Number of Board Members at the end of the reporting period	13
Number of Board Members joining within the reporting period	2
Number of Board Members leaving within the reporting period	2
Number of attendances at meetings other than Board Meetings	161
Total number of visits to the prison/IRC (including all meetings)	785
Total number of applications received	258
Total number of segregation reviews held	26
Total number of segregation reviews attended	26

APPENDIX 2 – GENERAL STATISTICS

	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Moorland												
Receptions. IN	93	89	154	82	60	131	128	104	Recep	25	69	72
Receptions. OUT	88	89	137	97	65	60	122	94	Stopped	44	53	95
Adjudications	136	124	149	133	182	144	125	184		76	63	88
Independent Adj. proved	11	21	9	9	13	6	13	14		6	4	3
remanded	4	12	4	4	0	1	4	1		1	1	5
dismissed	4	5	1	4	10	1	9	4		0	1	0
no reporting officer		0	0	1	0	0	0	2		0	0	0
not proceeded with	1	0	0	0	0							
Special Accommodation.	4	0	2	1	2	2	0	1		1	1	0
C and R used	23	11	19	20	19	18	15	23		13	7	4
Dirty protests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0
No. In Segregation over 1 month	1	3	3	2	0	2	1	1		0	1	1
No of Restricted Status	4	3	3	3	3	4	4	2		1	1	1
No on waiting list for Dr	30	4	14	11	No	31	28	17		1	2	2
Dentist	98	71	44	54	Fig	74	31	87		8	5	5
Optician	43	31	15	26	ures	18	26	41		0	13	13
Podiatry	31	9	17	32	given	0	28	48		2	2	2
Physiotherapy	18	14	12	18		3	37	41		18	19	26
Hatfield												
Receptions IN	45	59	50	36	38	32	35	33		34	45	26
Dischargers	178	174	174	155	170	178	172	183		88	24	38
Resettlement Leave	131	128	116	119	240	138	111	135		126	11	122
HDC	16	12	16	7	16	10	6	28		16	8	14
Adjudications	31	50	40	20	17	21	29	31		28	32	17
Returned to Closed	14	12	11	8	3	7	14	9		3	12	8
Absconders	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0		1	2	0
Voluntary Outwork	71	62	75	74	77	69	67	63		62	73	60
Paid Outwork	24	24	20	26	26	26	27	25		27	25	22

APPENDIX 3**APPLICATION STATISTICS****MARCH 2010 – FEBRUARY 2011**

PERIOD	NUMBER APPLICATIONS
2010 - 2011	258
2009 - 2010	471

BY CATEGORY

CATEGORY	2010 - 2011	2009 - 2010
Accommodation	5	9
Adjudications	8	22
Diversity Related	1	4
Ed/Employ/Train	20	37
Family/Visits	16	23
Food	2	4
Health Related	16	25
Property	56	110
Sentence Related	68	115
Staff/Prisoner	15	14
Transfers	27	52
Miscellaneous	13	56
TOTAL	258	471

APPENDIX 4 – EDUCATION ACCREDITATION FIGURES

March 2010 – February 2011

Course Name	Moorland	Hatfield
Literacy		
Entry level	32	2
Level 1	54	20
Level 2	57	39
Numeracy		
Entry level	22	7
Level 1	68	19
Level 2	55	27
Key Skills		
New Clait 1	66	33
New Clait 2	19	17
ITQ Award in I.T User Skills Level 1	16	0
ITQ Award in I.T User Skills Level 2	8	0
Social and Life Skills (OCN Accreditation)		
Prep for work Level 1	0	1
Alcohol Level 2	132	0
Drug Awareness Level 2	105	0
Bullying & Harassment - Entry Level	87	0
Bullying & Harassment - Level 1	105	0
Bullying & Harassment - Level 2	5	0
Food Hygiene Level 1	0	29
Food Hygiene Stage 2A	0	35
Construction Health and Safety	0	0
NVQ Hospitality Level 1	19	0
Victim Awareness Level 1	216	0
Victim Awareness Level 2	49	0
NVQ Professional Cookery Level 2	6	7
BCS Health & Safety & Work	76	0
Horticulture Skills Tests Level 1	27	5
Basic Construction Skills Level 1	0	0
Bricks Level 2 Diploma (Units)	325	0
Joinery Level 2 Diploma (Units)	75	0
Painting & Decorating Level 2 Diploma (Units)	377	0
Visual Arts Entry Level (Units)	59	0
Visual Arts Level 1 (Units)	33	0
Visual Arts Level 2 (Units)	10	0
Visual Arts Level 3 (Units)	3	0

APPENDIX 5 – REPORT TO THE MINISTER ON THE NOVEMBER 2010 RIOTS

On each of these occasions our Deputy Incident officer was the first to be called by the Prison and also the first to reach the prison. He was informed that the Command Suite was opened and in accordance with our agreed protocol reported there and was briefed about the incidents. Other members arrived and were accordingly briefed either by the Deputy Governor or other staff in the Command suite. We consider we were given adequate notice of any Control and Restraint intervention and had time to agree our deployment at the various locations that required monitoring

On the 2nd November there was concerted indiscipline on HB 4 A wing during evening association. Some prisoners were still “behind their doors” and approximately 31 congregated on the landings throwing pool balls and other missiles at staff. All prisoners were escorted out of the wing, each by three Tornado officers and taken to the gym. Members monitored the surrender from each cell, the prisoners’ arrival onto D spur, their initial searching and finally in the gym and onto the respective transport.

Other members visited the prison the following day and saw those in the Segregation Unit and also those located in the Induction Unit. The damage was inspected and it was noted that the Works Department were making repairs.

On the night of 3rd November when we were contacted again and informed that due to cell damage the prison had lost 86 places (again on Houseblock 4), It was decided that on this occasion prisoners requiring relocation would be taken to the gym to be processed prior to being moved around the prison estate.

Again members monitored the surrender from each cell, the prisoners’ arrival onto D spur, their initial searching and finally in the gym and onto the respective transport.

On the evening of the 4th November we were again called in to the prison and told that H B 1 had been “lost”.

Again we were briefed and followed the same procedure but modified it slightly as this time there was an extra member available. Again, as the members arrived, turns were taken to be in the Command Suite and otherwise stayed in a separate room nearby

Members again observed the prisoners taken to the gym and sat facing the wall with three officers round them. They were then taken to be stripped searched and changed into fresh prison clothes. They were returned to the gym and then processed onto the prison vans. Here another member observed them onto the vans and recorded when they left the prison and to where.

The IMB monitored every aspect of all three Incidents from cell removal to boarding the prison transport. It was noted that all officers carried out their difficult task with professionalism and care. The Board also note that on each occasion administrative staff worked with officers to assemble warrants and other documentation prior to prisoners’ transfer. During these disturbances, some officers were on duty for more than 24 hours.

The Board would wish to congratulate ALL personnel who were involved in the incidents on the nights or who subsequently had to deal with the aftermath.