

# **HMYOI/RC Glen Parva**



## **Annual Report**

**November 2013 – December 2014**

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## **Section 1**

### **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 Secretary of State for Justice 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 the range and adequacy of the programmes preparing them for release.
2. Inform promptly the Secretary of State, or any official to whom s/he has delegated authority as it judges appropriate, of any concern 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 prisons records

## **Section 2**

### **DESCRIPTION OF THE PRISON**

Glen Parva YOI is a large, closed establishment housing a mix of remand and convicted young male offenders between the ages of 18-21years.

Constructed in the early 1970's, with further Units added in the 1990's, the poor fabric of the buildings is noticeable and it is clear that significant investment is required to bring them up to standard. The operational capacity is normally 808. However, towards the end of this reporting period, this was reduced to 728, to accommodate the closure of a Unit for refurbishment.

Prisoners are currently accommodated, mostly on a two per cell basis. Remand prisoners and those awaiting sentence, are accommodated in separate Units to convicted prisoners. All cells have integral sanitation, with shower facilities provided on a communal basis.

There is, also, a Care and Separation Unit for those who required to be segregated.

Food is prepared in a central kitchen facility and transported to the Units in heated trolleys.

Healthcare is provided through the Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust and the Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation.

Education and vocational training is provided by staff contracted through Milton Keynes College.

There is a gym and a Chapel which provides multi faith and pastoral services.

## Section 3

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During this reporting period, Glen Parva, along with several other YOI's, experienced a particularly disappointing HMIP inspection. At the time of the inspection, it was acknowledged by the Inspectorate that the Governor, who was relatively new in post at the time, and her Senior Management Team, had already made some determined efforts to address deficiencies, which were beginning to show some improvement.

The Board considers that, despite the ongoing difficulties caused by significant staff shortages; high sickness levels; the uncertainty of change throughout the NOMS estate; and the consequent low morale amongst staff, the drive to meet the challenge of improving outcomes for prisoners has continued.

In response to the shortage of staff, a restricted split regime is in place. Whilst this is not desirable, it has been born out of necessity, with considerable thought going into the raising of staff morale and to ensuring safety, decency and fairness across the establishment. Towards the end of the reporting period, order and control appears stable.

Addressing the poor fabric of the buildings is challenging. However, the refurbishment programme continues, with two of the nine residential units completed and a further one currently closed for necessary work.

A new Safety Strategy was launched in October of this year, consolidating some of the changes already made and implementing the PPO recommendations and Rule 43 recommendations from the Coroner. Although violence has remained high, some reduction appeared evident by the time of the third quarter.

Towards the end of this reporting period, there appeared to be some improvement in the provision of Education, Learning and Skills as a result of relevant contractors beginning to meet their responsibilities to provide the necessary staff. However, some workshops remain closed with the consequential and continuing loss of facilities and opportunity.

A new Education Manager has taken up post and it seems evident that there are some creative approaches being implemented, within the constraints of the restricted regime, to meet the learning needs of the prisoner population.

The Prisoner Consultative Committee meetings which take place on a monthly basis, have been continued, with a view to re-instating these on individual Units, as staffing and the regime permits. There are also separate consultative forums for BME and Travellers.

In conclusion:

The relentless focus on raising standards and expectations, against the backdrop of reduced staffing and the uncertainty of change, is a step towards progress. Undoubtedly, however, there is considerable work still to do in order to achieve sustained improvement and effective outcomes for prisoners. The Governor and her staff have the support of the Board in their endeavours to succeed.

## Section 4

### STATISTICS

IMB Glen Parva Statistics for the period December 2013 – November 2014 inclusive

Recommended complement of Board Members	20
Number of members at the start of the reporting period	16
Number of members at the end of the reporting period	6
Number of members joining within the reporting period	3
Number of members leaving during the reporting period	13
Total number of Board meetings during the reporting period	11
Total number of visits to the establishment	397 (Jan/Dec'14)
Total number of segregation reviews held	<u>85</u> <u>(Jan/Nov'14)</u>
Total number of segregation reviews attended by Board members	
Date of Annual Team Performance Review	Dec.'14

IMB Applications monitoring 2012-13/2013-14

IMB Cat.	Description of Category	2012-13		2013-14	
A	Accommodation	10		11	
B	Adjudications	5		6	
C	Equality/Diversity	13		5	
D	Education/Employment/Training (inc: IEP)	53		17	
E1	Family Visits (inc: mail and 'phone)	29		34	
E2	Finance/Pay	5		4	
F	Food/Kitchen Related	4		10	
G	Health Related	8		7	
H1	Property (within current establishment)	22		17	
H2	Property (during transfer/in another establishment)	15		17	
H3	Canteen, Facilities, Catalogue Shopping, Argos	16		7	
I	Sentence-related (inc: HDC, ROTL, Parole, Release Dates, Re-cat etc.)	33		24	
J	Staff/Prisoner concerns (including bullying)	42		27	
K	Transfers	71		48	
L	Miscellaneous	18		10	

<b>Total Number of IMB Applications</b>	<b>344</b>		<b>244</b>		
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