



# **The Independent Monitoring Board**

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# **HM Prison Kirkham Annual Report**

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## **Section 1**

### **STATUTORY ROLE OF THE IMB**

The Prison 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 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 he has delegated authority as it judges appropriate, 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 prison's records.

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## Section 3

### DESCRIPTION OF THE PRISON

#### 3.1 Certified and Operational Capacity 657

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 are World War II vintage, although prisoner accommodation is relatively new having been redeveloped over the period 1990-1999, also some recent refurbishment has been carried out. An additional billet, refurbished in 2014, to provide adapted accommodation (suitable for but not exclusively the disabled and elderly) has increased capacity to 657.

It is a Category D Open Prison in the North West Area holding adult male convicted prisoners. The Deputy Director of Custody is John Illingsworth and Governor Graham Beck. They are supported by 184 Prison Service staff, including OSG's and administrative staff as well as over 120 external staff including those providing education, employment, Substance Misuse Service (SMS) support and healthcare.

There are 26 billets, which provide in the main single occupancy basic living accommodation. Billet C2, brought into use in early 2015, does have some capacity for double occupancy although that is assessed based on medical needs. There is also an 80 bed Admissions Unit (double occupancy rooms), which has been adapted for all new arrivals.

#### Prison Facilities:

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

- Access to jobs (voluntary and paid).
- Barbers
- Bicycle repair shop
- Christian Chapel and a 'Multi Faith' Room.
- Community work bus
- External college opportunities
- External initiatives including the DHL canteen distribution for North West Prisons.
- Farms and gardens, including a small number of allotments.
- Fitness Instructor training leading to qualifications.
- Fork Lift truck training and qualifications to instructor level
- Gymnasium facilities for use by offenders, staff and invited members of public.
- Healthcare Centre – contracts with the North Lancs Primary Care Trust till 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.
- IPAC – Information for Prisoners and Advice Centre –staffed by officers and inmates. Local volunteer and charity groups assist e.g. CAB.
- Large Conservation area with a herd of rare breed cattle and other animals.
- Learning & Skills Department, with IT facilities. Novus is the Education provider.
- Library -provided by Lancashire County Council.
- NVQ courses in barbering, catering, building and painting and decorating.

- Prison employment opportunities with privately funded enterprises including Calpac, Bad Boy Barbers, Jobs, Friends & Houses and Recycling Lives
- Prison Shop – open to the Public
- Video Conferencing Suite.
- Visits Centre and facilities for family days.
- Waste Recycling Unit.
- Welcome Centre
- Workshops including Woodwork, bricklaying and painting & decorating

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
- Civil Service Local
- CXL: careers advice
- Disability North West
- Drug Intervention Programmes: provide support on release via Inspire
- Job Centre Plus: Benefits advice
- National Probation Service & Lancashire CRC Sudexo
- 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, following identification of prisoner concerns within internal committees/forums, officers seek advice and assistance from external agencies.

## Section 4

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

4.1 It has again been a challenging year for HMP Kirkham. The population rose steadily throughout early 2016 but very steeply during the summer, resulting in being almost at capacity. Some of this increase was driven by circumstances in other establishments, the closing of Kennet and issues at Haverigg. The increase in population brought its own problems, staff were stretched to cope with the large daily receptions, but regrettably some of the men who arrived over that period were not suitable for Category D level. This resulted in a large increase in risk management meetings and men being sent back to closed conditions. During 2016 283 were removed from the establishment, only 12 of these were moved to another category D prison.

Benchmarking had led to staff doing dual roles as Offender Supervisors (OS) and Regime Officer role. Some of those doing dual roles will revert to their Regime Officer roles from early 2017. Although the Board welcome this change for the staff involved, we have concerns of continuity for the prisoners who will see a change in their Offender Supervisor. This is already an area of constant change so the Board will monitor during the early part of 2017. [x-ref 5.5]

The increase in population also brought an increase in drug and alcohol finds along with an increase in incidents around the perimeter fences of drops and attempted drops. It is hoped to install new CCTV cameras in the main areas of concern in early 2017. Drug finds peaked in July following the reception of 232 men in June and July alone. There was also a corresponding increase in adjudications.

Staff sickness has improved slightly but a cause for concern is the morale of some staff who are feeling vulnerable, especially following recent unrest in other establishments. This has led to a concern amongst the staff, morale is not good and they feel changes are being imposed upon them without consultation. A recent staff survey has shown a drop in scores in all topics surveyed. Many staff feel that there is an atmosphere of bullying in some areas and that no effective actions are being taken at senior management level to address reports made to them. Especially concerning to the Board is the view that 100% of staff who reported issues with bullying and harassment felt that the issue had not been resolved. The Board have suggested there should be further in-depth surveys of the areas which have shown concern to their way of working.

4.2 The Board have recruited 4 new members in 2016 which has brought a welcome increase especially as only 1 of the members recruited in 2015 is still on the board and another member left on tenure. Having been a female-only board for some years it is especially pleasing that we now have 2 men as part of the team. Once our new recruits are trained we will then determine if further recruitment is required as we do not have sufficient experienced members to mentor any further new members at this time. Having the extra people on board will mean we can focus more attention to the main areas of concern being OMU/Health Care & SMS/Works and will be able to re-introduce attachment areas which was not possible for the last few years due to the low number on the Board.

A DVD has been produced by Kirkham staff for prisons that are sending men to Cat D to help manage expectations on arrival at Kirkham. Staff from Kirkham will also go to sending establishments to explain further what happens at this establishment, especially with expectation management on access to ROTL [release on temporary licence]. Unfortunately, despite offering to assist, IMB were not asked to be part of this production.

The preferred bidder for Community Rehabilitation, Sodexo/NACRO, showed slow progress during 2015, but during 2016 there has been an improvement in staffing levels which should soon bring better results. This will again be monitored in 2017.

The IMB were pleased that Inspire (North Lancashire Integrated Substance Misuse Service) had settled well into their contract and have established a team of prisoners who are working well in recovery, promoting to their peers the benefits of getting help with their addiction. However the change of provider to Spectrum from April 2017 for both Healthcare and SMS causes the Board some concerns round continuity of the present service. There will undoubtedly be some disruption on the changeover but hopefully not to the detriment of the service provided to the prisoners. The Board will monitor these areas once the new provider is in situ.

HMP Kirkham has established prompt and proactive risk management meetings for those prisoners who appear to be having problems with a Cat D regime. The number of meetings held increased over the summer period in line with the increase in population. Although a number are still found to be unsuitable for open conditions many who could have been returned to closed conditions remain at Kirkham with close supervision to ensure they can embrace the regime.

There was one death in custody during 2016, this was from natural causes. Staff on duty administered first aid and one member, trained in the use of a defibrillator, worked on the man until paramedics arrived. He died a short time later in hospital. All those who were present were offered counselling and the family liaison officer along with the chaplain visited the family to inform them of the death and to offer support. The PPO investigation is complete with one recommendation for healthcare and we await the inquest.

#### ***4.3 Particular Issues requiring a response:***

The Amey contract is causing concerns. There appears to be a long delay in getting work done especially in the billets where some essential repairs impact on a decent standard of living. In recent months there have been issues with heating and water, some billets have been without drinking water for a number of weeks which is not acceptable. Toilet facilities for those working in Farms & Gardens are also in an unacceptable state [x-ref 5.8].

This gets highlighted every year but there are still problems with prisoner's property on transfer, this has been raised many times by a number of establishments but it is still not improving. There are still men arriving without most of their property. HMP Kirkham have recently introduced a scheme of sending 2 bags of property with a prisoner who is returned to closed conditions and securing the balance of the property until that prisoner is settled in a new establishment [which in most cases is not the establishment sent to on transfer]. Once the new prison is known then the balance of the property will be onward transmitted.

The IMB feel that the pressure on the prisons to keep Category D prisons up to capacity is leading to questions on the calibre of some men being sent to open prisons. At Kirkham, additional risk management and ASP's are being raised by staff who feel a number of men need extra support while adjusting to life in an open prison.

#### **4.4 Previous year's concerns:**

- Prisoner's property
- Calibre of intake [x-ref 4.3 above].

## **Section 5**

### **MANDATORY REPORTS**

#### **5.1 Equality & Inclusion**

At HMP Kirkham we operate under the Single Equality Act 2010. There is an excellent Diversity and Equality Relations Team under the direction of the Head of Residence and Safety. There are currently 7 Prisoner Representatives and all prisoners are treated fairly in the spirit of the Equality Act and any complaint is fully investigated. During 2016 14 DIRF's have been submitted.

The cohort of older prisoners is circa 100, which is 16% of the prison population. There are 2 men over 70. Despite the number of older men in the establishment no disability care plans were raised in 2016 as the men are classed as self-caring, often having another prisoner to assist them if required.

Some of the prisoners started an over 50's group where they meet regularly in the afternoons for a cup of tea and some games/quizzes. Most of the men attending are not able to work due to age or illness and feel a sense of belonging by attending this group, for some men this group gives them the purpose to leave their rooms and socialise.

An inclusive committee, Kirkham Voice, meets every month with prisoner representatives covering all interests and concerns of the wider Kirkham community. At this meeting issues and concerns are aired and regular updates are given to the men.

2016 saw the full introduction of the 'Connect, Grow, Thrive' strategy for HMP Kirkham which sees itself as a bridge between prison and life on the outside. Prisoners are given a coloured lanyard which represents their position on the journey'

- 'Connect' - yellow.
- 'Grow' - orange.
- 'Thrive' - green.

It is impossible to accurately give numbers for each of these categories because of the volatility of the prison population. Broadly the figures are :-

- Connect 70%
- Grow 13%
- Thrive 17%

There is a graduation ceremony for men moving up the ladder which is publicised in the monthly Kirkham Chronicle produced by the Library staff and prisoners.

Two staff members have now been trained as trainers for the Five Minute Intervention [FMI] scheme, it is felt that the colour of the lanyards gives staff and the Board a basis to start a conversation with the prisoner, spend 5 minutes having an informal chat on how they are

managing on the phase signified by their lanyard. Those 5 minutes can lead to further discussion or investigation, if issues are raised.

There is also a Chaplaincy team in HMP Kirkham who have permanent staff on site covering most faiths and are able to call on representatives from other faiths if necessary. They are a busy team ensuring that all special religious days are marked. There is a Christian Chapel and a World Faith Room on the site.

## *5.2 Education, Learning and Skills*

HMP Kirkham has approximately 170 men per week taking part in internal training. The main concentration of Novus [part of Manchester College who specialise in Offender Learning] is on functional skills so men will be targeted to ensure they attain at least Level 1 in maths, English and IT.

On induction all prisoners spend a day in education where their previous education and release plans are looked at, along with attendance at the progression board. Targets are then set to address any educational needs whilst resident at Kirkham. As well as literacy and numeracy courses are offered in personal development aimed at helping with writing CV's, looking at employability skills, helping complete application forms and mock interviews. Novus work closely with OMU to supply different courses to look at offending behaviour.

The main issue found in education is that prisoners have not achieved educational targets at previous establishments and have a reluctance to engage once they get to an open prison. However, all of the mandatory courses [Maths, English & IT] are full at Kirkham and provide the gateway to other courses. Men completing other work/skills related courses are given hands on experience (sometimes working with suppliers) in the prison allowing them to use their learning/skills in a much more realistic environment. They have completely redesigned the Farm Shop and are involved in a number of projects throughout the establishment.

A NVQ Catering course has been running for over 12 months. This course is at level 2, the majority of practical learning takes place in the recently refurbished staff restaurant, RAFters. Over the last 12 months 16 men have completed this course with 6 more currently in training. It is a roll on/roll off course as lessons have been learned from the initial implementation. This is a restaurant which delivers food and having a brand new cohort of men cannot provide the appropriate level and continuity of service. It is recognised that a mix of experienced and new staff meets the need of the business much better.

In December 2014 courses started in Barbering in conjunction with a private provider. This was a new venture designed to allow men to attain Level 2 NVQ, leading to employment on release. This has proved to be a popular course providing a service which encourages men to take pride in their appearance, offering a creative haircut experience for a nominal charge. During the past twelve months we are aware of 2 men taking the opportunity to set up their own barbering businesses on release which provides a positive message for aspiring trainees.

The library is always a hub of activity with events being organised throughout the year, - 'Turning Pages' for new readers, a weekly reading group, a painting group, creative writing, chess clubs, monthly quizzes to name but a few. A monthly magazine – the Chronicle – was successfully introduced at the end of 2014, this includes contributions from both staff and prisoners, it is edited in the library.

The Painting Group has been a huge success after completing accomplished art work for the 2016 Holocaust event in London. They have been involved in painting huge murals in the dining hall, visitor's area and are currently working on a number of artworks for a Holocaust Conference to be held at HMP Kirkham. Funding for materials is always an issue but there is an aspiration to have an art studio co-located with the library which will allow painters the freedom to create in a space which means they are less constrained by having to tidy up all the time.

### 5.3 *Healthcare & Mental Health*

During 2015 'Well Man' clinics were introduced. These have continued to be successful offering men screening for medical and now mental health issues. The increase in the population during 2016 has introduced some new health issues which the team have handled well. There are now many more men with complex health care needs and mental health problems associated with chronic conditions which should have been managed earlier [before transfer to Kirkham].

More staff have been recruited and this has resulted in the team being able to expand their capacity to offer more services in-house, reducing their reliance on GP appointments. New services provided include :-

- X-ray
- Ultrasound scanning
- Physiotherapy
- Complex blood testing
- Alternative healthy therapies such as Cognitive Behaviour Treatment [CBT]

New prisoners with short sentences are being asked to wait and book appointments with their own GP on release to avoid booking appointments which will have to be cancelled later. This frees up appointments for more needy cases.

Due to the increase in older prisoners at Kirkham there has been an increase in men attending or having stays in hospital. This can cause issues when ensuring the staff are available to escort men to their appointments. The Board will monitor this situation, especially round the issue of resources where staff are already stretched.

There is a new psychological practitioner in post one day a week offering intervention for a number of issues including sleep, anxiety and stress. Referrals are via the GP or the mental health nurse. The Board will monitor this area and report back in the next annual report.

Patient experience continues to be recorded on discharge, with good feedback. On the whole men are positive about their healthcare whilst at HMP Kirkham.

HMP Kirkham is still the national leader in the take up for Hepatitis B and C screening, along with HIV testing.

### 5.4 *Purposeful activity (includes work)*

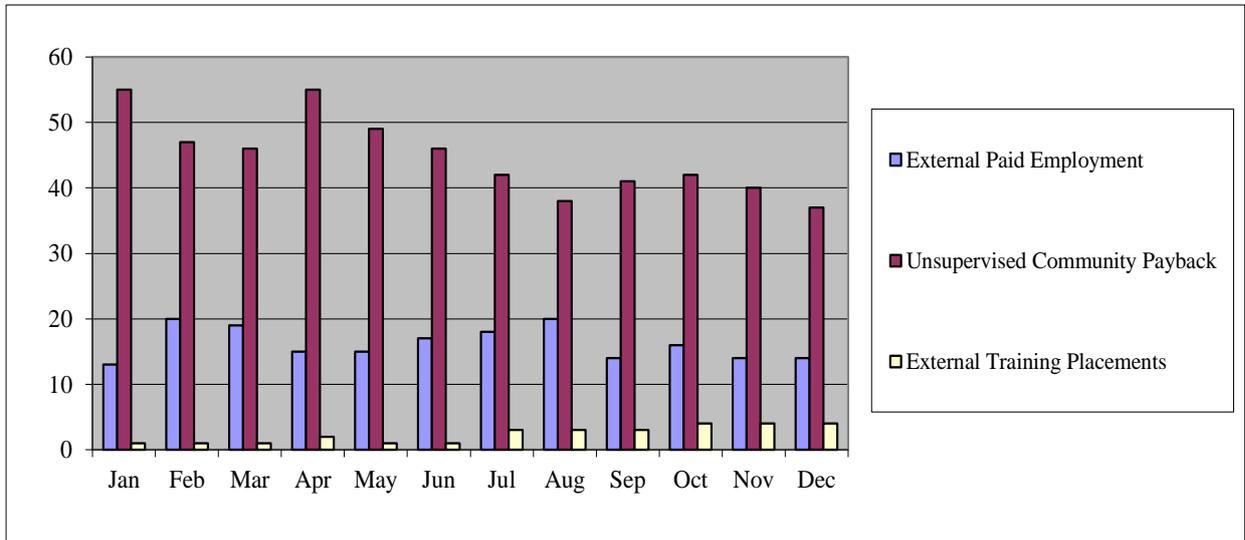
The local charities below offer work in the community for prisoners prior to release or paid employment:

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| • Age Concern shops            | Lytham, St.Annes, Blackpool          |
| • Barnados shops and warehouse | Blackpool, St.Annes, Lytham, Preston |
| • Claremont First Steps centre | Blackpool                            |

• Community Engagement Centre	HMP Preston
• Donna's Dream House	Blackpool
• Fylde Borough Council	St.Annes, Kirkham & Wesham
• Holy Family Catholic Church	Freckleton
• Homeless Action	Blackpool
• Horizon	Blackpool
• International Aid Trust	Preston
• Jobs, Friends & Houses	Blackpool
• Princes Trust	Kirkham, Preston, Blackpool
• PDSA shop	Blackpool
• Preston Muslim Society	Preston
• Recycling Lives	Preston
• St John the Evangelist	Preston
• St Josephs Church	Wesham
• St Michael's Church	Kirkham
• St Paul's Church	Ansdell
• Streetlife	Blackpool
• Sue Ryder shop	St.Annes, Preston
• Trinity Hospice shop	Blackpool, Kirkham
• Turbary Owl Sanctuary	Preston
• Willows Church	Kirkham
• YMCA Gyms and Pools	St.Annes, Lytham, Kirkham

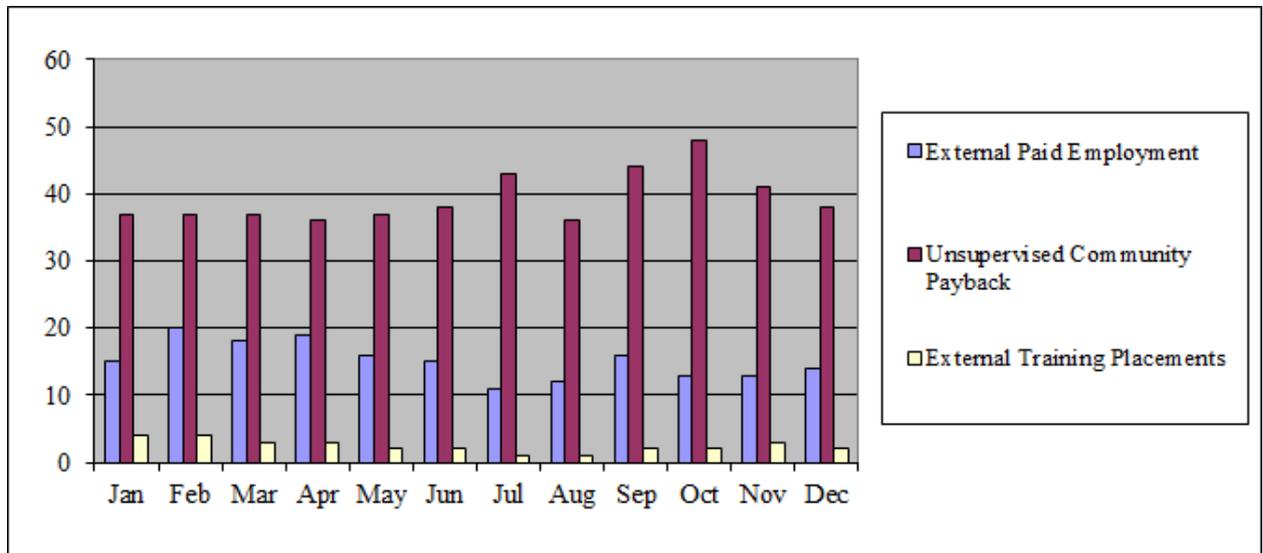
There are a number of joint enterprises taking place with external companies. CALPAC, Recycling Lives and DHL currently operate from HMP Kirkham. A cycle repair shop, under the auspices of the Margaret Carey Foundation, has been set up and is operational. All working in the area have to complete Velotech Cycling training which ensures national standards of assessment in bicycle maintenance and repair. Bicycles (which have been refurbished) are in the main for the charity foundation, but are now on sale at the shop on site. There is also a new initiative, Solid Sheds, being investigated within the industries area. The tables below shows the numbers of prisoners who undertook various placements or employment over 2015 and 2016, the drop in numbers reflects the lower numbers at the start of 2016 but increasing towards the second half of the year.

2015 chart



Source - HMP Kirkham Custody to Work team

2016 chart



Source - HMP Kirkham Custody to Work team

There is a Farm shop, which offers goods grown or made on the establishment for sale to the public. On the establishment there are rare breed cattle, sheep and pigs which are looked after by the Farms and Garden team. There are also a range of greenhouses in which are grown tomatoes along with other salad greens and vegetable crops throughout the year and are offered for sale in the Farm shop as well as being used in local prisons and sold to local suppliers.

## 5.5 *Resettlement*

This has been a difficult and unsettling year for Offender Management Unit, it is an area of constant change and the Board have concerns for the morale of staff working there. With regard to the prisoners this area is the one place where they feel very vulnerable as they await decisions on their future day and overnight release. We still have some men who feel they are not being treated well, it is not only the Board who have these concerns as the chaplaincy team also deal with a number of prisoners who feel they are being unfairly treated with regards to their ROTL or town visit requests. This has been an area for concern by the Board and we will robustly monitor as we are concerned about the impact on men when they feel they are not treated equally, and the knock-on impact on staff.

The introduction of twice weekly clinics has had a positive impact, men can attend OMU without an appointment and get some information and feedback of the status of their potential ROTL. There have also been ROTL preparation sessions introduced, which have received positive feedback, men feel they now have more information on the procedures to be followed along with an understanding of risk assessments.

The privileges of town visits, HDC and ROTL are successful with only 4 failures in 2016, one less than 2015. Absconds for 2016 were 11, which is a reduction on 2015 when there were 17. Given the large influx of men over the summer period, this abscond rate - although no absconds are acceptable - could be a lot higher but for the work being done by staff to manage expectations on arrival, on induction and through robust risk management. There is an excellent support system in place in HMP Kirkham. There is "Information for Prisoners and Advice Centre" (IPAC), a Support Centre and a team of 17 Listeners [trained by the Samaritans] who are all prisoners themselves, supported by a highly trained and motivated staff team. There is a good interaction base on working groups and meetings involving and taking into consideration suggestions made by the men.

## 5.6 *Safer Custody*

There are 17 Listeners in place, trained by the Samaritans. Each billet has reps in place to assist with any issues that may arise.

There has been a significant increase in ACCT documents being opened in 2016, 38 against 15 in 2015. This increase needs to be measured against the rise in the population alongside the calibre of men arriving at Kirkham who are not suitable for open conditions. Some ACCTs are closed with a day or two of opening once the risks presented have been assessed and the prisoner is made aware of the support available at HMP Kirkham. Also, a document which has been introduced at HMP Kirkham to replace a TAB, an ASP – a support document for those prisoners who struggle with life in open conditions - has increased in 2016 with 87 being raised, against 51 in 2015. Most of these ASPs are there to support men who find open conditions difficult, also a number who come off ACCTs are moved to ASPs for further support and monitoring.

Staff have seen an increase in prisoners transferring to Kirkham with mental health concerns, due to continued substance or alcohol misuse. These men are assessed on arrival and monitored carefully to check how they adapt to open conditions, especially if they have been in closed conditions for a long period of time. The increase of men who are serving shorter sentences is having an unsettling impact on the prison leading to an increase in bullying. There have also been a small number of incidents of violence over the year. Were it not for robust risk management, the vigilance and diligence of staff at HMP Kirkham, the establishment could easily be destabilised by men plainly unsuitable to be held in open conditions.

### 5.7 *Segregation, Care & Separation, Close Supervision*

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 waiting to be returned to closed conditions. There are currently changes taking place in this area, 2 of the holding rooms are being refurbished as holding rooms as opposed to cells. Additionally where at all possible, men cannot be held there for more than 4 hours. This will involve staff having to complete all risk meetings and security investigations to determine if that prisoner is being returned to closed conditions and confirm a place elsewhere before he is placed in SAU. Staff and the Board have raised concerns that this may mean a prisoner would be a greater risk of abscond. It is early days yet so this area will be monitored closely this coming year. There will, on occasions, be men placed in the unit for longer than 4 hours where it is for their own safety, especially at night time. The IMB are usually advised of all men who are to be transferred and they are offered an interview with us. 99% of men decline to take up the offer.

### 5.8 *Residential Services (includes accommodation, food, catering and kitchens)*

HMP Kirkham occupies the site of a former RAF centre so accommodation is spread over 26 billets providing single occupancy with communal shower and toilet areas and a small kitchen with fridge and microwave. A 80 bed double occupancy unit which has been adapted for all new arrivals to the establishment, where they are welcomed by orderlies who give guidance and support to these arrivals, especially those who feel Category D to be a culture shock following years in closed conditions.

A pre-order meal system is now fully operational, which requires the men to complete their menu requests each week. This has been successful in reducing wastage of food as well as helping with easing bullying at the service area. However, with the influx of prisoners from other locations on a daily basis, there has been a dip in the number of menu requests received on time. This is being addressed. During Ramadan meals were provided in heated trays, which kept warm till dusk so men no longer have to queue up for use of microwaves in the billets to heat up their food.

There is a menu survey twice a year which helps determine what is popular and stays on the menu. For each meal there are fruit, salad, halal and vegetarian options. It is a credit to kitchen staff that they are able to serve between 600 and 650 prisoners a hot meal every day, twice a day in 30 minute slots. On Sundays there is a roast dinner available which men tend to eat in the dining area taking the opportunity to engage with other prisoners. Many new arrivals do meet the mealtime window but if they do arrive after service is closed they are always given a meal.

There is an ongoing issue with toilet facilities used by around 83 Farms and Gardens workers. They are insanitary, dirty and unacceptable. IMB intervention has managed to arrange provision of paper towels and soap but nothing more. The issue identified in November is still ongoing. Prisoners find the facilities so unacceptable that they are using toilets in the nearest billet which is causing annoyance to the men housed there.

## Section 6

### HIGHLIGHTS of OTHER AREAS

#### 6.1

As a resettlement establishment many partnerships have been developed and are going well. There are plans for more partnerships with areas such as Jobs, Friends and Houses, Solid Sheds and contact centres.

In 2016 only 18 applications have been submitted to the Board, a third less than 2015. This figure is despite the increase in the overall population. This decrease shows that prisoners are finding answers to their queries through other routes available in IPAC, the support centre or peer mentoring. It should also be noted that prisoner complaints have not increased over previous years.

HMP Kirkham are again extremely proud to have had a member of staff commended in the recent Butler Trust announcements. Sarah Fleming, our librarian, is commended for redefining what a prison library can be, through activities such as Storybook Dads, Turning Pages, Spanish classes, art and a prisoner-produced prison magazine. Sarah has been invited to meet HRH Princess Anne at St James Palace in March 2017 where she will receive her award.

HMP Kirkham library's art group was only 1 of 12 commissioned by the Holocaust Memorial group to produce a piece of art for display on Holocaust Memorial Day in January 2016. The work, "The White Rose" depicts the White Rose movement and is made of hundreds of historic photographs of Nazi Germany and the White Rose Movement, was on display in London for Holocaust Memorial Day. The art piece was designed and completed by prisoners who are part of the art group.

A family disputes worker has been working alongside the chaplaincy staff to help with men who have been involved in family issues, this is a volunteer charity role and has been running for the last year.

During 2016 HMP Kirkham had been seeking to gain accreditation through the Royal College of Psychiatrists by providing evidence for the provision of a safe and decent environment and a rehabilitative culture. This did not happen and work is being undertaken to look at more specific areas to submit for this accreditation.

#### 6.2

There continue to be issues with drugs, especially with NPS and steroids.. Although the trend has slowed down, NPS is still being seen as the drug of choice but not to previous excesses. There are regular finds of mobile phones, SIM cards, alcohol and drugs, including steroids and other substances. There has been a staff initiative to promote perimeter searches before men are unlocked in the morning, especially if there has been suspicion from the police or security staff that attempts to make a drop have been made. IMB fully support this idea.

When possible, video conferencing facilities are being used to manage POCA [Proceeds of Crime] court appearances. This means that a prisoner will not have to leave the establishment for his court appearance. It can take up to 4 or 5 weeks for a prisoner who has been sent out to court to return to Kirkham. A number of complex cases cannot be managed in this way and they are still required to appear in court in person.

## Section 7

### 7.1 THE WORK OF THE INDEPENDENT MONITORING BOARD

<b>BOARD STATISTICS</b>	
Recommended Complement of Board Members	13
Number of Board members at the start of the reporting period	6
Number of Board members at the end of the reporting period	7
Number of new members joining within the reporting period	4
Number of members leaving within reporting period	3
Total number of Board meetings during reporting period	12
Total number of visits to the Establishment	137
Total number of segregation reviews held	n/a
Total number of segregation reviews attended	n/a

### 7.2 IMB Applications

<b>Code</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
A	Accommodation	2	1	2	0
B	Adjudications	3	0	0	2
C	Equality & Diversity	0	0	0	0
D	Education/employment/training	3	0	3	1
E1	Family/visits inc mail & phone	2	2	5	0
E2	Finance/pay	1	0	2	0
F	Food/kitchen related	0	0	2	0
G	Health related	0	4	3	0
H1	Property [within current establishment]	10	1	1	1
H2	Property [during transfer/in another establishment]	2	8	8	7
H3	Canteen, facilities, Catalogue shopping, Argos	0	0	0	0
I	Sentence related [inc HDC, ROTL, parole, release dates, re-cat etc]	5	5	16	6
J	Staff/prisoner/detainee concerns inc bullying	1	0	0	0
K	Transfers	1	0	0	0
L	Miscellaneous	6	1	3	1
	<b>Total number of IMB applications</b>	36	21	45	18
	Of total : number of IMB Confidential Access was:				

**Section 8**  
GLOSSARY

ASP	A support protocol document to assist men in adjusting to open conditions
DIRF	Discriminatory Report Form
HMP Kirkham	HM Prison Kirkham
OASys	Offender Assessment System
OS	Offender Supervisors
PIPES	Psychologically Informed Planned Environments
POCA	Proceeds of Crime Act
ROTL	Release on temporary licence
SAU	Secure Accommodation Unit
SMS	Substance Misuse Service