



Annual Report
of the
Independent Monitoring Board
at

HMP Garth

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Monitoring fairness and respect for people in custody

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1 STATUTORY ROLE OF THE IMB

The Prison Act 1952 requires 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.

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.

Main judgements

STATEMENT BY BOARD

1. The arrival of a new Governor & Garth moving to the LTHSE have given the establishment a 'kick start' in both progressing the positive initiatives introduced by the previous Governor, as well as introducing the new Governor's positive initiatives.
2. Our approach to this year's report:- This year we have adopted a '2 pronged' approach;- (a) The Board has decided to address the areas identified by HMIP as in need of improvement. We don't feel this will compromise our independence, as improved conditions will impact on the ability of all the prisoners to progress during the time they are here; (b) We have also used the evidence obtained on our weekly rota visits together with evidence obtained in meetings attended – 'Population Management', 'SMARG', 'Use of Force Scrutiny' & 'Safer Custody'. (c) We feel that this approach will focus our monitoring and also assist the Governor and his SMT in making the necessary decisions to rectify those areas identified as needing improvement.
3. The Board is pleased to report that in the light of the last HMIP report the Governor has made a decision to set up an 'Audit Assurance & Compliance Unit' – comprising of:- 1 x Governor Grade; 1 x Supervising Officer; 1 x Band 3 Administrative Grade: - to proactively address the identified failings. We hope to be able to report next year that this initiative has impacted positively on the prisoners.
4. This of course will lead to prisoners hopefully becoming both more proactive and positive in the way they address their offending behaviour, enabling them to look forward to their eventual re-categorisation.

Are prisoners treated fairly?

- The arrival of a new Governor plus Garth moving to the LTHSE have made a huge difference in the way prisoners are treated.
- Operational staff now actively look for examples of good behaviour, all of which is duly rewarded, similarly any bad behaviour also has consequences.
- It is both interesting and pleasing to report that men regularly approach us on our rounds to comment on the new approach instigated by the Governor. On the whole, they appreciate the change in direction, saying they feel much safer and more positive about the future now than in the past.

Are prisoners treated humanely?

- The prisoners are treated with dignity, staff ensure that each man has his concerns addressed.
- The 'Safer Custody' Governor is extremely proactive, ensuring that men are aware that there is support available should they need it.

- There are regular 'Safer Custody' meetings which include proactive representation from each wing. The Board also endeavours to send a member to each meeting, although this has been difficult to achieve with the Board having so few members.

Are prisoners prepared well for their release?

- As Garth is part of the LTHSE men are rarely released from the establishment. However great emphasis is placed on both work, education and reducing offending behaviour programmes. The Board is of the opinion that these strategies certainly help to prepare all prisoners for their eventual release.

Main Areas for Development

TO THE MINISTER

- Address the iniquitous abuse of the human rights of those held under IPP sentences. Approximately 9% of the prisoners in Garth are subject to indeterminate sentences.
- Ensure the 'Chief Executive Officer' is given appropriate powers to tackle the rapid growth of NPS. This has resulted in an increase in both self-harm and bullying.
- Give **urgent** consideration to increasing appropriate places in other settings to deal with prisoners suffering from serious mental issues as well as improving mental health resources in the establishment.
- Please take note of the detailed evidential submission sent to both you and the Prime Minister regarding 'Resettlement'. The new report format does not enable the Board to include this.
- Please stop using the media to state how many additional prison officers have been appointed – this takes no account of how many fail to remain. Also how many established officers are seeking to leave – just what is the actual increase in operational staff?
- The CEO and government should acknowledge that 'Benchmarking' had a destabilising effect on prisons and should accept responsibility for this.
- Please address the failings of AMEY to fulfil its agreement. Non-compliance with agreed duties certainly affects the conditions that all in the establishment have to put up with.

TO THE PRISON SERVICE

- Ensure establishments are able to employ all powers devolved to the service by the Justice Secretary with appropriate resources – staffing and otherwise – to maintain safety for both staff and prisoners.

TO THE GOVERNOR

- Continue to focus on the 70+ prisoners with IPP sentences.

- Ensure the rehabilitative culture becomes part of Garth's fabric by continuing to promote a positive proactive attitude increasing every prisoner's ability to become 'life ready'.
- Despite repeated submissions, the staff toilets/changing facilities in the 'Segregation Unit' are not fit for purpose! This unit experiences regular dirty protests including staff 'pottings', after which staff should have a decent place to shower etc. There is only one shower and one toilet for **all** staff to share, which in the 21st century is really not acceptable.
- The Board is concerned with the lack of prisoner waiting space in the 'Healthcare' unit. As it is regularly overcrowded, we are of the opinion that it is both unsafe and in hot weather uncomfortable! There also needs to be readily accessible drinking water.

TO THE PROVIDER (of Healthcare/Education/Maintenance etc)

- The Board is pleased to note the improvements made in general healthcare provision, however there are still issues which are of cause for concern.
- The Board wishes to highlight the need of the ever increasing demands being made with regards to mental health issues. This is evidenced when attending 'Rule 45' reviews – despite the sterling efforts of the 'Mental Health Team', the majority of prisoners are finding it difficult to come to terms with the lack of additional support they need.
- The Board is concerned that the lack of compliance by AMEY to keep up with planned maintenance has resulted in an ever increasing inability to provide reactive maintenance. This results in prisoners having to put up with sub-standard facilities and fabric, which leads to discontent.
- There is a cell in the Segregation unit which has been 'out of use' for at least 8 months due to lack of water supply!

Improvements

Executive Summary - Continued

The following areas were issues in last year's 'Executive Summary' – We report on the efforts being made to positively address them together with current concerns.

- **Segregation Issues** – The Board feel the following issues need addressing as a matter of urgency:- (a) The Board is extremely concerned at the disparity in staffing levels when compared with other establishments in the 'High Security Estate', there doesn't appear to be any reasonable explanation for this state of affairs especially as Garth's segregation unit has been recognised as holding some of the most dangerous and disturbed prisoners in the prison estate. The Board is pleased to acknowledge the professionalism and resilience of staff working under such difficult circumstances; (b) The Board is still concerned at the lack of toilet/changing facilities for female staff. After staff assaults female staff need to be able to retain their decency whilst showering and changing.

- Illicit Items – (a) The Board remains seriously concerned at the continued dramatic increase in the use of psychoactive substances throughout the establishment. The setting-up of a ‘dedicated search team’ in October has enabled targeted searches to be increased. This has resulted in increased seizure of NPS, Hooch, mobile phones/SIM cards and improvised weapons.
- Increase in violence – Violent incidents of by prisoners on prisoners and prisoners on staff peaked in February 2017. Please refer to ‘Section 5’. The Board is pleased to report that the Governor has developed a good working relationship with Lancashire Police and they are now actively supporting referrals made for further investigation and/or prosecution. The particularly odious practice of ‘potting’ continues to increase, especially in the Segregation Unit, again we are able to report that Lancashire Police are now taking this seriously.
- We are still of the considered opinion that a patrol dog would be a most effective way of defusing potentially dangerous situations as prisoners respond immediately to barking! As this matter has not yet been addressed can it now be given serious consideration? The cost of a patrol dog and handler must be less than 2 officers!
- This Board is pleased that the implementation of ‘Key Worker’ training is now underway.
- Offender Management – The Board is concerned that the ‘Offender Management Unit’ is adequately staffed and resourced as it lies at the centre of sentence planning, parole preparation and prisoner movement within the system. A separate detailed submission has been sent to both the Justice Secretary and Prime Minister.
- The Board is concerned that not enough emphasis appears to be directed at providing meaningful work for the prisoners. There is a great disparity in pay between the vocational work opportunities and work offered by commercial enterprises.

3 DESCRIPTION OF THE PRISON

HMP Garth is a Category B Training Prison. It opened in 1988 and holds long-term and life sentenced prisoners, together with IPP prisoners. E Wing, opened in 1997, houses a therapeutic community run in conjunction with the drug service at Garth, which is delivered by ‘Discover Drug & Alcohol Service’. They are a partnership between several agencies, primarily Greater Manchester West NHS, Mental Health Foundation Trust and Phoenix Futures.

It is pleasing to report that the ‘Beacon Unit’ – jointly operated with the Mersey Care Trust – which provides treatment for prisoners with profound personality disorders, now has 45 men who are receiving excellent support. We are able to evidence this in that the men very rarely submit applications to us.

Due to the excessive number of prisoners needed to be segregated, the previous Governor decided that a new approach needed to be taken to enable prisoners who were unwilling to return to normal location due to issues with other prisoners such as debt or gang related & had spent a long time in the segregation unit to make positive progression with their sentences. A new unit designated the ‘Residential Support Unit’ was set-up on a level of ‘B’ wing.

Similarly, prisoners who had very little desire to progress through the system were offered the opportunity to transfer to a new wing – with a capacity of 48 – named the ‘Building Hope Unit’. These prisoners are also being mentored by fellow prisoners who had in the past ‘given up’!

General clinical health care is delivered by Bridgewater Community NHS Foundation Trust on the basis of an annual service level agreement. Mental healthcare is delivered by ‘Greater Manchester Mental Health’ NHS Foundation Trust.

Education and Offender Learning and Skills Service (OLASS) are provided by Manchester College.

IN ALL OF THESE EVIDENCE SECTIONS WE HAVE HIGHLIGHTED THE FINDINGS OF HMIP TOGETHER WITH OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRESS MADE AND ALSO EVIDENCE WE HAVE OBTAINED ON OUR WEEKLY ROTA VISITS AND ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS.

4 SAFETY

(A) HMIP - MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS

- All new prisoners should be interviewed and assessed, including by health services staff, before being located on the induction wing. The induction wing should be dedicated to newly arrived prisoners and cells should be clean and prepared. New arrivals should be supported by staff and peer workers during their first night. (S44)

The Board is happy to report that this requirement has now been partially achieved.

- The conditions and regime of the segregation unit should be improved. Prisoners should have the reasons for their segregation addressed and timely plans made for reintegration or transfer. (S45)

The Board is unable to report that this has not yet been achieved, however good progress is being made and as reported in the 'Executive Summary' we are of the opinion that staffing levels need to be improved.

(B) HMIP - OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Journeys to the establishment should not include unnecessary overnight stops at other prisons. (1.6)

The Board is able to report that positive progress is being made.

- Reception opening times should be sufficient to ensure the timely entry and processing of prisoners into the prison. (1.7)

The Board is able to report that positive progress is being made.

- New receptions should only be handcuffed if it is necessary and proportionate. (1.8)

The Board is able to report that positive progress is being made.

- The challenging antisocial behaviour process should set meaningful targets which are aimed at changing the behaviour of prisoners involved in violence and bullying, based on an assessment of their needs, and are monitored. (1.26)

The Board is able to report that positive progress is being made.

- The use of the constant observation cell in segregation should cease. (1.42)

The Board is unable to report that this has yet been achieved, however plans have been made to address it.

- Investigations into incidents of life-threatening self-harm should include scrutiny of the actions taken by staff to prevent or minimise risk of harm. (1.44)

The Board is able to report that positive progress is being made.

- The management oversight of use of force and the use of the special accommodation should be improved. (1.66)

The Board is pleased to report that this finding has been partially achieved and positive progress continues to be made.

- E wing (the therapeutic community and recovery unit) should be staffed by consistently deployed officers who have been specially selected and trained for the task. (1.81)

The Board is able to report that positive progress is being made.

(C) OVERVIEW OF SAFER CUSTODY STATISTICS FOR THE REPORTING YEAR

- The Board is unhappy to report that incidents of violence in all of its guises has increased this reporting year.
- We have decided to use July 2017 figures as a representative sample.

1. ASSESSMENT CARE IN CUSTODY & TEAMWORK - ACCT

- Up to and including July 2017 there has been a 73% increase over the previous year
- The Segregation Unit has the highest number of men on ACCT documents.
- Up to and including July 2017 there has been a 53% increase in acts of self-harm.
- In 2016 the monthly average for acts of self-harm stood at 28 by July 2017 this had increased to an average of 48.
- The main acts of self-harm were caused by cutting.

2. CHALLENGING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – CAB

- By July, there had been a 42% increase in the number of 'CAB 1' warnings issued.
- The increase in the use of NPS has resulted in 61% of all CAB's issued in July 2017.
- CAB support for men under threat accounted for 88% of all support in July 2017.

3. NPS & HOOCH

- There were 70 recorded incidents in July 2017.

4. ASSAULTS

- Serious assaults - (a) 'Prisoner on Prisoner' peaked in February 2017; and (b) 'Prisoner on Staff' peaked in February 2017.

- Both of these areas have seen a slight increase.
- In July 2017 Garth was 'equal top' with Lowdham Grange for prisoners placed on Basic Regime for violent acts.
- Nationally approximately 5% of the prison population was on 'Basic Regime' whilst Garth's approximate figure was 8.5%.
- The majority of perpetrators were aged 30 and over closely followed by those aged 25 to 29.
- Apart from the Segregation Unit when most assaults occur at unlock the majority of assaults on the wings occurred between 3.00pm and 7.00pm.
- Arguments, issues with staff and debt were the main causes of violent incidents.

5 EQUALITY AND FAIRNESS

- The needs of prisoners with protected characteristics should be promptly identified and met through individual assessment, regular direct consultation with minority groups, effective care planning and monitoring. (S46)

The Board is able to report that positive progress is being made.

- The showers on the older wings should be refurbished and provide privacy. (2.9)

The Board is able to report that positive progress is being made.

- Single cells should not be used to accommodate two prisoners. (2.10)

The Board is unable to report that any progress has been made in addressing this finding as 'HMPPS' will not sanction any reduction in the capacity of the establishment. As such, the Board is of the opinion that as this is unattainable, it is meaningless!

- Applications should be monitored and responses should be helpful and received within three days. (2.11)

The Board is able to report that positive progress is being made.

- Prisoners' telephone numbers should be verified and, if suitable, added to their accounts within one week. (2.12)

The Board is able to report that positive progress is being made.

- A professional telephone interpreting service should be used for all prisoners requiring it, particularly in circumstances where confidentiality and accuracy are critical. (2.35)

The Board is able to report that positive progress is being made.

- All clinical environments should comply with infection control standards. (2.66)

The Board is able to report that positive progress is being made.

- Waiting times for primary health care services should be the equivalent to those in the community. (2.67)

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- The healthcare complaints system should be well advertised and maintain medical confidentiality, and responses should consistently address all the issues raised. Learning from informal and formal complaints should inform service delivery. (2.69).

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- There should be an integrated strategy to promote health and wellbeing among the prisoner population, including easy access to barrier protection. (2.70)

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- The health needs of all older prisoners should be addressed as part of an ongoing programme of work that offers regular health checks and practical support. (2.71)

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- Prisoners with life-long conditions should receive regular reviews which generate an evidence-based care plan, delivered by appropriately trained and supervised staff. (2.78)

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- Prisoners should attend external hospital appointments within clinically appropriate timeframes. (2.79)

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- There should be greater access to a clinical pharmacist onsite to enable more opportunities for prisoners to access specialist advice and support. (2.87)

The Board is able to report that this has been partially achieved.

- Medication administration should be well supervised by discipline staff and be conducted in private. (2.89)

The Board is able to report that this has been partially achieved.

- All prisoners should be able to access routine dental appointments within six weeks and have timely access to subsequent dental treatment. (2.94)

The Board is able to report that this has been partially achieved.

- Patients requiring a transfer under the Mental Health Act should be transferred within the current transfer guidelines. (2.101)

The Board is unable to report that this has yet been achieved.

- Breakfast packs should be issued on the day of consumption and there should be sufficient food for all prisoners. (2.106)

The Board is able to report that this has been partially achieved.

- The specific needs of indeterminate-sentenced prisoners (ISPs) should be analysed and appropriate provision made. (4.31)

The Board is able to report that this has been partially achieved.

- Access to the visits hall should be improved, to avoid unnecessary delays in the start of visits. (4.54)

The Board is able to report that this has been partially achieved.

- The children and families provision should be improved, based on evidence of the needs of the population. This should include regular family days and other ways of promoting and supporting contact with children and families. (4.52)

The Board is able to report that this has been partially achieved.

- Despite low number of members, the Board endeavours to send a member to all appropriate 'Equality Action' meetings.
- These are always well attended. A member of the operational staff has been designated to organise these meetings & liaise with both prisoners and staff.
- As a result of the Board attending these meetings and sharing views with other committee members we are of the opinion that there is an underlying culture of equality and fairness throughout the establishment. Prisoners are aware of who the reps are and are encouraged to voice any concerns they may have.

6 SEGREGATION/CARE AND SEPARATION UNIT

- The Board would like to refer you to the 'Executive Summary' which details our concerns.
- The management of the Segregation Unit has recently changed and there are ambitious plans for improvement.
- The movement of the prison into the high security estate and a weekly population management meeting have improved the facility for reintegration or transfer. This has reduced, but not entirely eradicated, the number of prisoners spending excessive periods of time in segregation and the Board looks forward to further improvements.
- Planning for prisoners in Segregation has recently been further improved by the decision to give responsibility for the management of reviews to the Head of Segregation and/or another member of the Senior Management Team.
- The environment in the Unit has improved with cleaning and a painting programme and there are plans to purchase new furniture for all cells. The outdoor exercise yard now contains outdoor gym equipment for prisoners.
- The Board is pleased to report that the weekly 'Population Management Meeting' carefully considers the most positive way forward for every segregated prisoner.
- A member of the Board attends the quarterly 'SMARG' meetings and we are pleased to be able to report that the efforts of all concerned are directed at improving outcomes for prisoners.
- The Unit continues to house constant observation cells but there are plans to remove these to a more appropriate setting.
- Despite repeated submissions to the Minister regarding staff facilities, the Board is still concerned at the lack of toilet/changing facilities for female staff. After staff assaults female staff need to be able to retain their decency whilst showering and changing.
- A member of the Board attends all 'Segregation Reviews'. In this reporting period we have attended 884!

7 ACCOMMODATION AND COMMUNICATION

- The showers on older wings still lack privacy and are in need of refurbishment, although there are funds approved for refurbishment over the coming year of two of the older wings.
- The prison still uses single cells to accommodate two prisoners which is largely because the prison is over populated.
- The prisoner application process has been reviewed and some improvements have been made, although responses are not always received within three days.
- The introduction of prisoner information desks (PIDS) on wings has improved access to information, although not all information desks are well-organised and at times prisoners do not know where to find specific forms.
- In the past year the prison has installed gym equipment in every outdoor exercise yard, including Segregation, and there are plans to introduce microwaves and fridges for prisoners onto each wing. These measures will positively improve the quality of daily life for all prisoners.
- Likewise, there is a bid for funds for three pieces of gym equipment on each wing, including the segregation and sex offender wings, to replace the old and poorly maintained existing equipment.
- The Board is concerned to report that the waiting area in Healthcare is not fit for purpose in that it cannot comfortably hold the numbers of men waiting to be seen. It was also noticeable that on hot days last summer men were kept waiting in oppressive heat without any water. This is highlighted in the notice for the Governor's actions.

8 HEALTHCARE (including mental health and social care)

- All clinical environments should comply with infection control standards. (2.66)

The Board is able to report that this has been partially achieved.

- Waiting times for primary health care services should be the equivalent to those in the community. (2.67)

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- All prisoners should be able to access routine dental appointments within six weeks and have timely access to subsequent dental treatment. (2.94)

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- Patients requiring a transfer under the Mental Health Act should be transferred within the current transfer guidelines. (2.101)

The Board is able to report that this has been partially achieved.

- The mental health team is delivered by NHS Greater Manchester Mental Health Trust. The team provide an integrated clinical substance misuse and mental health service. The team comprises of 14 mental health professions (1x Consultant Psychiatrist; 8x mental health nurses; 2x Psychological Wellbeing Practitioners; 1x counsellor; 1x Health and Wellbeing Practitioner and 1x Health Care Support Worker)
- The following clinical professionals work within Primary Care:- Optician; Podiatrist; Physiotherapist; Dentist; Dental therapist; Dental Nurses; Registered General Nurses; Healthcare Assistants; General Practitioners; An advanced Nurse Practitioner: Plus the following visiting professionals:- Hepatitis Specialist Nurse; GUM Consultant; Radiographers who perform in house x-rays, ultrasound scans and MRI scans; AAA screening sonographers; Retinal screening professionals; & a 'Diabetic Specialist Nurse':
- The GP holds 10 sessions each week; The dentist holds 8 sessions each week; The dental therapist holds 2 sessions each week:
- A Consultant Psychiatrist attends the establishment 1 day per week.
- There has not been an increase in men requiring mental health assessments this past year.
- Emergency response from Primary Care has increased due to the increased use of psycho-active substances.
- Phoenix futures provide psycho-social intervention for men suffering with substance misuse that does not require clinical intervention.
- The Board is pleased to report on the high quality of input by Healthcare especially the 'Mental Health' workers who we come into contact with regularly.

9 EDUCATION AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

- All teachers should plan learning to meet individual prisoners' needs. They should routinely set individualised, specific and challenging targets that promote good progress for learners. (3.30)

The Board is able to report this has been achieved.

- Prisoners should be able to access the main library regularly, and the library serving the vulnerable prisoner wings should be reliably available. (3.42)

Unfortunately due to staffing issues this target has not been achieved and the Board will keep this as a focus.

- Fitness equipment on residential wings should be available to all prisoners, including the sex offender population, and the equipment should be routinely monitored by appropriately qualified staff. (3.49)

The Board is able to report this has been achieved.

Tutors should provide prisoners with effective feedback on how to improve their work, so that they can achieve their full potential (3.24)

The Board is able to report this has been achieved.

All new prisoners should have an effective induction to the library and its resources (3.40)

The Board is able to report this has been achieved.

10 WORK, VOCATIONAL TRAINING and EMPLOYMENT

- The prison should ensure the full employment of wing workers during the core working day and ensure that they obtain qualifications associated with their work. (3.32)

The Board is able to report that this has been partially achieved

- The Board is pleased to report that a new staff canteen has been opened & apart from an NVQ assessor is staffed by prisoners.
- The Board would like to highlight the excellent training provided by the following 'Cinderella' areas:- Braille; Wheelchair refurbishment; Gardens; and Woodwork:
- We are also of the opinion that serious consideration be given to paying comparative wages with the commercial businesses based here. To retain the status quo will result in prisoners applying for those jobs which pay the highest wages leaving the vocational occupations struggling to recruit. We feel that jobs which are interesting and requiring thought will certainly assist prisoners in addressing their offending behavior.

11 RESETTLEMENT PREPARATION

- All prisoners should have regular access to an offender supervisor who is confident and experienced in managing risk of harm and who provides support, motivation and challenge, and actively monitors progression. (S47)

The Board is able to report that this has been partially achieved.

- All prisoners should have an up-to-date offender assessment system (OASys) assessment and a high quality sentence plan which are reviewed following a significant change in the prisoner's situation. (4.13)

The Board is able to report that this has been partially achieved, however many prisoners arrive at Garth without up-to-date assessments, which results in unnecessary pressures on OMU staff.

- Because of the category and nature of HMP Garth, few prisoners are discharged into the community. The Board is able to report that the OMU is fully focussed upon the need to participate fully in the MAPPA arrangements within the prison.

However the quality of risk of harm analysis, management plans and MAPPA reports should be improved, to achieve a consistently high standard. (4.22)

The Board is able to report that this has been partially achieved.

- The specific needs of indeterminate-sentenced prisoners (ISPs) should be analysed and appropriate provision made. (4.31)

The Board is able to report that this has been partially achieved.

BOARD STATISTICS	
Recommended Complement of Board Members	20
Number of Board members at the start of the reporting period	9
Number of Board members at the end of the reporting period	6
Total number of visits to the Establishment	626
Total number of segregation reviews attended – 100%	884

**Signed
Frank Holden
IMB Chairman
HMP Garth
01.05.2018**

D Section - Applications

Code	Subject	Current reporting year	Previous reporting year
A	Accommodation including laundry, clothing, ablutions	4	10
B	Discipline including adjudications, IEP, sanctions	2	1
C	Equality	3	1
D	Purposeful Activity including education, work, training, library, regime, time out of cell	5	14
E 1	Letters, visits, phones, public protection restrictions	5	23
E 2	Finance including pay, private monies, spends	8	10
F	Food and kitchens	2	6
G	Health including physical, mental, social care	23	65
H 1	Property within this establishment	58	60
H 2	Property during transfer or in another establishment or location	26	41
H 3	Canteen, facility list, catalogue(s)	12	19
I	Sentence management including HDC, ROTL, parole, release dates, re-categorisation	4	37
J	Staff/prisoner concerns including bullying	38	64
K	Transfers	8	22
	Total number of IMB applications	198	373