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at
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Section 1: The 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.

Section 2: Executive summary

Main judgments:

Are prisoners treated fairly?

The IMB at HMP Manchester is satisfied that overall the prison operates in ways which are fair and just to its prisoners. The Board routinely witnesses this fairness in its observations of prisoners and the interaction with prison staff. The Board has identified constant and regular opportunities in which prisoners have the opportunity to engage, giving them a voice in the prison. The Board also can evidence examples demonstrating the inclusion of all prisoners in managing such a diverse population. Examples of this are identified in the provision of food to cater for specific faith periods, prisoner groups set up within the prison and the support provided for all faiths within the chaplaincy department. The Board continues to have concerns in respect of prisoners not receiving their property, in particular following transfer from another prison and when prisoners have been moved internally from their cell, following which their property has been mislaid as a direct result of inconsistencies in the processes of cell clearances administered by staff.

Are prisoners treated humanely?

HMP Manchester has tried to improve the conditions for prisoners in a number of areas within the establishment. Improvements to the prison undertaken since the Board's previous report to the Minister have included new showers on some wings and eight converted cells to accommodate disabled prisoners. These improvements have been made despite the difficulties presented by the age and physical design which exists within a Victorian building.

The prison has taken steps to try and address the littering of the external exercise areas, though the Board continues to have concerns following regular references throughout the reporting year to the vermin problem that remains on a number of wings in the prison. The prison has invested in the Riddance programme undertaken by Rentokil resulting in a reduction in the vermin levels. The Board still has concerns about a high number of prisoners who have to eat their meals next to an unscreened toilet.

Prisoners are provided with comfort packs on arrival. Prison staff strive to promote a healthy and self-supporting community, the responsibilities of the senior management team to develop humane, person centred support, within a well-regulated community are to be commended.

Are prisoners prepared well for their release?

Prisoners are encouraged to develop their employability skills, supported further following the introduction of a new education provider commissioned by the Prison Service.

Partner agencies work collaboratively to plan for the release of prisoners across a number of areas including accommodation and work and finance (see section 11). All sentenced prisoners transferred to HMP Manchester are assessed when they arrive to plan where support is required whilst in custody. All prisoners, 12 weeks prior to release, will attend release interviews to ensure a plan is in place to ensure those three areas are covered.

Shelter (the housing and homelessness charity) is provided with office accommodation within the administration block of the prison.

Main Areas for Development

To the Minister

- Given the increasing pressures on both the prison and the wider community resulting from the use of psychoactive substances, what strategies are being considered to tackle this national problem?
- HMP Manchester has 62% of staff serving with less than three years prison officer experience. How can the Minister best support the prison with these statistics being commonplace across the prison estate?
- The number of assaults by prisoners on prisoners and prisoners on staff has increased at HMP Manchester, and this trend has been repeated across many prisons nationally. What interventions are being considered to reduce the risk and threat? (see Section 4)
- The general untidiness of the external areas instigated by prisoners discarding litter and food waste from their cell windows, and the increase in drugs entering the prison resulting in reductions in safety is a key factor identified by the Board. The Board would therefore urge the Minister to accept and approve the business case previously presented by HMP Manchester requesting the installation of secure window units to address these issues head on (see section 7).
- More apparent on the wings on the top jail, prisoners at HMP Manchester have to take their food back to their cells and eat their meals on their lap off a tray and only have a screen curtain to separate their accommodation from the toilet area. The Board would urge the Minister to find a solution to provide the prison with a separate canteen facility for its prisoners.
- What assurances can the Prison service provide to the Board that the handling of prisoner property is being prioritised to and from various prison establishments across the country?

Repairs & maintenance and prison condition

HMP Manchester is over 150 years old and having taken this into consideration, there are naturally going to be a number of restrictions as to the type of structural improvements that can be undertaken. Despite the prison being so old, generally speaking the IMB would acknowledge the prison is generally very clean. This can be evidenced by the overall condition of the wings, segregation unit, work shops along with other internal areas.

The main concerns noted by the Board however relate to the disposal of food waste by prisoners, the poor condition of food serveries and staffing areas which are untidy and not appropriately maintained. Whilst the Board recognises vermin will be a factor in a prison of this nature, an effort to reduce the risk of the high number of sightings of vermin witnessed by staff, prisoners and the IMB over the last reporting year again continues to be a priority. These, coupled with the poor appearance of the exercise yards, often heavily littered despite cleaning teams being deployed by the third-party contractor Amey, are areas requiring a focus to improve. A further observation was the difficulties in the disposal of collected refuse due to broken disposal machinery.

An additional concern of the Board relates to the commissioning of services and the continued problems associated with the contract awarded to Amey. The main concerns are twofold and are a duplication from our 2018 report.

- The length of time taken by the contractor to respond to general repairs and maintenance issues across the prison estate.
- There are restrictions within the contract, which prevent the contractor from carrying out additional duties, which means that some urgent repairs are left for an unreasonable length of time.

The installation of secure windows to physically prevent prisoners throwing litter is a measure the board would fully support and would urge the Minister and the Prison Service to endorse. HMP Manchester have submitted capital bids to secure funding for this important work, which would not only significantly improve cleanliness but also safety, security and decency.

During the reporting year the IMB has included visiting representatives from Amey as part of its rota schedules. It is noted that following these interactions, there are frustrations identified by the contractor, particularly in relation to inconsistencies in the reporting processes within the prison.

The Board has observed on certain wings, the number of cells 'not in use' has been a particular issue. Some of these cells have been unoccupied for up to periods of a few months. Many prisoners have reported cells being cold, and having considered these complaints further, items such as missing glass panels have been commonplace, taking too long before they are replaced.

Prisoner property

The Board would draw the Minister's attention to the applications submitted by prisoners for IMB investigation (see page 20) and would highlight the consistent complaints in relation to prisoner property lost in transit. The Board is also increasingly concerned about the repeated failure in the prison to complete itemising prisoner property at HMP Manchester following cell clearance procedures. The Board has investigated incidents where prisoner property has not been bagged and tagged or items recorded on prisoner property cards not being accounted for by wing staff or reception. The failure to comply with the correct practice is the highest category of prisoner complaints to the board, particularly when prisoners are located in the segregation unit from normal location.

The Board has also observed the challenging process by which prisoners can make claims for compensation for items proved to have been mislaid by the prison. Often, prisoners are confused as to how to best remedy these issues, being requested to make further approaches using the prisoner complaints process.

The Board has made progress of its own in the area of prisoner property by contacting members of other IMBs on behalf of prisoners transferring into HMP Manchester where property has not accompanied them in transit. The Board has been able to assist in reuniting a prisoner with his property. The Board takes on this responsibility from time to time despite this falling outside its statutory remit.

To the Governor

- Can the prison develop a more efficient process for handling prisoners' property, particularly in relation to those prisoners at HMP Manchester where there has been the necessity to undertake cell clearances for moves between wings? Can the introduction of mandatory body worn cameras to record cell clearances be initiated?

- The Board would draw the Governor's attention to the vermin problems experienced on a large proportion of the wings. What assurances can be offered to address the poor general condition of the external exercise areas of the prison?
- The Board has noted the increase in staff sickness levels during the reporting year following a period where the management of such issues identified a positive trend. What processes are being put into place to further reduce staff sickness to provide a healthy workforce with high levels of staff attendance?
- What are the future opportunities to re-open the waste management unit and offer wider benefits of purposeful activity to prisoners at HMP Manchester?
- The Board has identified an increase in the number of assaults by prisoners on staff and prisoners on prisoner. What measures are being introduced to reduce the risk of violence in these areas?
- In view of the new key worker system, can staff be separately placed on rota to enable them to dedicate their time to fully engage with prisoners as opposed to combining the role with normal wing duties?

Improvements

The Board notes a number of improvements completed in the last reporting year with the refurbishment of old cells to new disabled cells, improvements to the heating and hot water systems and the installation of new showers on a number of wings, which is to be commended.

The Board has witnessed the introduction of staff training for the implementation of wearing and using body worn cameras. The Board notes the increasing numbers of staff who now go on duty fully kitted up for use of the equipment. Despite this practice it is alarming to note an increase in the number of assaults on prison staff (see section 4).

The Board notes the reduction in the recorded number of prisoners on assessment in care, custody and teamwork (ACCTs) and highlights the lowest number of self-harm incidents during the month of June in the reporting year. Whilst there is little evidence to identify any prison practices for these statistics, a possible reason may be the screening of the football World Cup at the time.

The increasing number of elderly prisoners has been identified and towards the end of the reporting year H1 Wing was identified by the prison to be specifically allocated accommodation for this category of prisoner. Early indications are that the regime is working well with prisoners being unlocked all day. The Board will continue to monitor this initiative in this reporting year.

The key worker programme has recently been introduced across the wings, allowing around 87% of prisoners access to a key worker. Peer mentors working around themes have also been introduced and the Board will be keen to consider the outcomes of this intervention.

Section 3: Description of the prison

- 3.1 HMP Manchester is a core local prison, with a capacity to hold up to 967 adult men sentenced and remanded from courts in the Greater Manchester locality. A maximum of 44 high risk and standard category A prisoners are also accommodated. The specialist intervention unit (SIU) has the capacity for up to six centrally managed prisoners.
- 3.2 The residential accommodation comprises two Victorian radial blocks identified as the top and bottom jails. Both of these buildings incorporate five wings where the population is housed in either single or double cells, all having integral sanitation and in-cell power points.
- 3.3 There is a separate healthcare centre (HCC) which incorporates both in- and outpatients. All facilities available in the community are also available to the prison population including dentistry, optometry, podiatry and pharmacy services.
- 3.4 The chapel is situated between the two accommodation blocks and services for the wide range of faiths within the prison population take place on a weekly basis. A world faith centre is situated in the education centre.
- 3.5 There are a number of workshops situated on the site offering a range of skills to prisoners including a professional print shop, bakery, laundry and textiles. Also located near to the workshops are the prison kitchens and an on-site catering facility for staff known as Crofters.
- 3.6 Certified normal accommodation is 948; operational capacity is 1286 and the population at the time of writing this report is 938.

Section 4: Safety

- 4.1 There has been a rise in violence at HMP Manchester both in respect of prisoner-on-prisoner and prisoner-on-staff assaults. This is consistent with the national trend of growing violence in UK prisons.
- 4.2 Safer custody has identified increases in violence, self-harm and new ACCTs to periods of regime curtailment.
- 4.3 There were 347 assaults in the current reporting year. Of these, 111 were assaults on staff. For comparison, in the previous reporting year, the total number of assaults was 291, of which 86 were assaults on staff.
- 4.4 There have been a number of measures introduced since the previous reporting year, both nationally and identified locally at HMP Manchester, designed to reduce the number of recorded incidents of violence.
- 4.5 The challenge support and intervention plan (CSIP) was introduced in prisons and HMP Manchester in July/August 2018. It is a multidisciplinary approach for complex prisoners, aiming to understand the causes of their violent behaviour and to find sustainable ways to reduce it.
- 4.6 HMP Manchester implemented CSIP by introducing weekly complex case meetings. Prisoners with very complicated backgrounds and behaviours are assessed by a number of specialists who meet together to discuss the causes of prisoner violence, and a plan is designed to improve or change a prisoner's behaviour.
- 4.7 Complex case meetings have recently been introduced and the impact of these will be observed by the Board to see if meaningful progress is made.

Key worker

- 4.8 A key worker scheme has been introduced to provide prisoners with additional support by designating an officer to each prisoner to help with everyday issues. The Board observes that, operationally, officers struggle to see all prisoners when they move to a different location in the prison and do not know the prisoner well if he is located on a different location than the officer, making it difficult to build a relationship with the prisoner. The Key worker scheme is currently in its infancy and the board will monitor this in the next reporting year.

Regime

- 4.9 The Board observes that regime curtailments and routine lockdowns may have an indirect effect on increased violence due to prisoners having less incentive to behave. There is also less time for staff to engage and build a confident rapport with the prisoners.
- 4.10 The Board has made attempts to look at statistical data and see whether there is a correlation between increased violence and lockdowns/regime curtailments. As data recording for lockdowns has changed considerably during the current and previous reporting years, it has proved difficult to assess empirically whether regime curtailments have had a direct impact. However, the Board would suggest that

should this be available to be assessed by an analyst, it might provide an invaluable source of information about the root causes of violence.

- 4.11 In February 2019, safer custody managers concluded that previous efforts to improve the case management of prisoners on ACCTs through quality assurance of documents had been ineffective. An innovative approach, using two experienced senior officers to run all ACCT reviews in partnership with wing senior officers, began towards the end of the reporting year.
- 4.12 This pilot aimed to improve care for prisoners and provide coaching for residential senior managers to improve their skill and confidence in ACCT case management. These arrangements are promising but too recent to indicate reasonable progress.

Section 5: Equality and fairness

- 5.1 Diversity is an important area of prison life, though a topic on which the Board has little information to express any confident views to support the intentions of the prison management's strategy. The Board is unable to identify plans setting out how the establishment would meet the needs of prisoners with protected characteristics.
- 5.2 It has been challenging obtaining dates for any meetings of the equality action team (EAT) and therefore the Board is unable to identify any actions, to whom the responsibility falls, or deadlines to which to outcomes were to be delivered. The minutes of the EAT in February indicated that it was not driving the action plan to make much-needed improvements. An equality training package for staff had not yet been delivered.
- 5.3 The Board is satisfied that the prison meets the requirements in relation to investigating potential discrimination through the discrimination incident reporting form (DIRF) system. The most frequent complaints concern race. The IMB has looked at the outcomes of a number of DIRFs and responses were found to be fair and within the required timescales.
- 5.4 At the time of writing this report HMP Manchester has a number of foreign national prisoners. A dedicated officer is responsible for maintaining regular communication with these prisoners to update them on progress of their cases and offer appropriate support.
- 5.5 The role of the chaplaincy services and the provision to cater for the diverse range of faiths at HMP Manchester is invaluable.
- 5.6 HMP Manchester has seen an increase in the number of elderly prisoners and the Board will be keen to monitor the impact on H1 wing, which has recently been dedicated as accommodation for a small number of prisoners aged 50, or over.
- 5.7 In early 2019, responsibility for equality and diversity work was given to the senior manager also responsible for safety.
- 5.8 Prisoner consultation forums were reintroduced for a small number of protected characteristic groups but in some cases attendance was minimal (two prisoners attended the LGBT forum). There was no specific provision for black, Asian and minority ethnic prisoners. A planned under-25 forum was cancelled. There were few meaningful actions arising from the limited consultation that had taken place, and it was difficult to see how outcomes for prisoners with protected characteristics would be improved.
- 5.9 The prison identified several equality peer workers, and posters on wings promoted them. However, they did not have a role description and had not received any additional support or training. There was no quality assurance of their work.

Section 6: Segregation/care and separation unit/specialist intervention unit (SIU)

- 6.1 The Board regularly attends the segregation unit as part of its core weekly duties and in doing so has achieved 100% attendance at segregation reviews throughout the reporting period.
- 6.2 The Board recognises the improvements within the unit following the provision for prisoners to be afforded access to showers and telephone calls on a daily basis previously permitted three times a week. Additionally, there has been access to psychology three times per week and regular input from mental health.
- 6.3 The Board is satisfied with the cleanliness of the unit, security, regime and professionalism of the staff who operate a regime in often challenging circumstances. For example there was a lengthy period in the reporting year of a sustained dirty protest. However, there have been issues with repairs to cells and there have been reports of prisoners being cold due to external glass panels not being replaced in a number of ground floor cells.
- 6.4 The Board has raised on numerous occasions in the reporting year examples of members not being notified of prisoners located on the unit. This has been a cause of frustration to both the Board and the Governor when he is informed of the lapses.
- 6.5 Each prisoner on the segregation unit is visited weekly by a member of the IMB and any issues taken up on their behalf. Prisoners often remark on the good relationship they have with staff.
- 6.6 The SIU is a small unit consisting of six cells and at the time of writing this report, five prisoners are accommodated on the unit. The maximum previously was four but this has altered following a regime change in April 2019. The purpose of the unit is to retain prisoners who are centrally managed on Rule 46 (*since April 2019 rule 55*). (Rule 46 is the is the point of law in which it hold s prisoners within the CSC)
- 6.7 Referrals to the unit are made via Close Supervision Centre (CSC) management committee which will decide on a clinical basis who is accepted to the unit. The work of the unit has evidenced a reduction in the risk. The unit benefits from the support of clinical psychologists and psychiatrists to enable the prisoners to understand the need to reduce the risk of violence.
- 6.8 Last year our report identified improvements planned in the SIU and these have been successfully implemented with the provision of a working kitchen to allow prisoners to cook their own food, instilling pride in their surroundings and learning to associate with others.
- 6.9 The staff endorse the need for boundaries to maintain a sense of order and their work is to be highly commended if at times restricted with assistance offered by less experienced staff requested to support the work on the unit.
- 6.10 The managing challenging behaviour strategy ceased earlier this year and consideration for the future management of the SIU will be through the Pathways to Progression programme.

Section 7: Accommodation (including communication)

- 7.1 A common theme has also been the vermin infestation throughout the prison and whilst is inevitable vermin will be present in buildings of this nature, environmental standards around the prison are deficient and this includes staffing areas, which encouraged a serious vermin problem. The open access prisoners have to freely throw litter and food waste from cell windows only exacerbates the problem.
- 7.2 Interventions by management to introduce litter bins in every cell, and working parties deployed to litter pick across the estate have proved futile and are a source of frustration.
- 7.3 During Board meetings, the Governor has said that one of his priorities is to have safer custody windows installed (identified in the paragraph in this report in items for the Minister). The Board would fully support the installation of safer custody windows at HMP Manchester (These types of windows are installed to prevent prisoners being able to pass or receive illicit items form cell to cell and it also prevents litter being disposed of into the yards) these would address the above issues the existing windows create. Safer custody windows would provide a clean and healthy environment for occupants, and also underpin many of the safety concerns linked to drugs entering the establishment through open and broken glazed units.
- 7.4 The Board continues to be concerned about the lack of decent dining accommodation. Our belief is that prisoners should not be expected to eat their meals in close proximity to an open toilet in their cells as is the case at HMP Manchester (top jail only). This is an item highlighted to the Minister in this report.
- 7.5 Taking into account the age of the prison, the internal areas of the prison, particularly the wings and the segregation unit, are very clean. The Board has had the opportunity to show prospective new IMB members around HMP Manchester and also had other Boards visit us this year. The observations of these groups have been very positive in relation to the internal cleanliness of the prison.

Section 8: Healthcare (including mental health and social care)

- 8.1 HMP Manchester continues to operate and deliver an excellent healthcare provision to the prisoners held within its care. A full range of services is delivered including dentistry, optometry, podiatry and pharmacy services.
- 8.2 Healthcare provision is provided by Greater Manchester West Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust.
- 8.3 Approximately 90 (Monday to Friday) appointments are booked daily. There are four prison staff responsible for escorting prisoners from the wings to the healthcare centre.
- 8.4 A total of 32,989 medical appointments were booked by prisoners throughout the last year at HMP Manchester, which is a significant increase on the previous reporting year where 23,632 were recorded.
- 8.5 A total of 5707 appointments were recorded as prisoners 'did not attend' (DNA). The Board has identified appointments being missed due to a lack of prisoner escorts due to existing staffing resources or prison operations resulting in appointments not being permitted. The Board does note however, prisoners not attending appointments may be for other reasons including attending legal and family visits, prisoner attending work, or the prisoner deciding simply not to attend.
- 8.6 The prison is responsible for enabling healthcare services. Whilst the Governor is committed to improving attendance at healthcare and the number of DNAs has reduced since the last reporting year, the Board has concerns that getting prisoners to appointments is not seen as a priority and prisoners are having to experience further delays for new appointments to be made resulting in some prisoners experiencing periods of discomfort.
- 8.7 A total of 160 clinics were cancelled over the same period, covering a range of healthcare services including GP, nurse, smoking cessation, drug and alcohol, day care, dentistry and psychiatry.
- 8.8 The Board notes the opportunity to deliver more clinics on the wings but there are no staff profiled to undertake the unlocking and supervision that would be required to achieve this. This provision would likely increase the number of medical attendances and reduce waiting times.
- 8.9 HMP Manchester continues to perform below the national target percentage for mandatory drug testing (MDT). The statistics do however suggest prisoners undertaking random testing are able to obtain drugs coming into the prison.

Section 9: Education and other activities

- 9.1 HMPPS has commissioned a new provider Milton Keynes College to deliver education and training and this commenced in April 2019. As a result, the previous provider NOVUS retained all evidence and records relating to their tenure and this has prevented the Board from being able to reference the performance around this topic in the report.
- 9.2 The Board will closely monitor the performance of the new provider and be in a position to report on their performance in future reports.

Section 10: Work, vocational training and employment

- 10.1 A priority for the Board for the current reporting year is to closely monitor the increasing number of regime curtailments occurring across the wings.
- 10.2 A number of examples have been highlighted in the Board members' rota reports and the Board is increasingly concerned about the reduction in staffing numbers restricting prisoners being able to access purposeful activity.
- 10.3 The Board will focus on this area and is currently considering changes to the processes for rota visits to ensure that appropriate information is captured to evidence any future concerns.
- 10.4 A number of new initiatives, for example using H1 as a reintegration unit, were not able to be sustained due to the restrictions imposed by staffing levels. Amongst other reasons, such as. the sheer volume of poorly behaved prisoners, this potentially encouraged a 'extended segregation' not a progression unit, which was not the intention.
- 10.5 The Board has regularly spoken to prisoners on the wings during normal weekly rota visits and references to regime curtailments have been identified during these conversations. Below are a number of quotes noted from prisoners from across the prison estate to evidence this as an issue at HMP Manchester.

Date		Area	Comment
09/04/2018		B	"Prisoners want more regime certainty".
26/04/2018		Industrial Cleaning	"The instructor was attending a meeting so there was no class".
14/05/2018		C	Prisoners would like to see "fewer regime curtailments".
26/06/2018		Printshop/ Workshops	"The workshop has been closed on a number of occasions due to staffing".
29/08/2018		Education	" The number of prisoners arriving for sessions is low and they often arrive late. For instance, this morning 57 out of 80 expected actually arrived, this afternoon 64 out of 100. They often arrive at 2.30 – 3.00 for the afternoon session. No concrete reasons for this have been established.'
06/09/2018		Workshops 1-3	"Visited to find no workers due to staff shortages. The only places operating were the kitchens, laundry and education".

17/09/2018		E	"All prisoners behind doors. Lockdown due to a high risk cat A prisoner being moved to another establishment:
14/11/2018		H1	"Sometimes limited regime due to low staff".
22/11/2018		D	"All prisoners behind their doors as no education or work due to lack of staff".
18/12/2018		H1	"Regime not delivered due to lack of resources"
18/12/2018		Printshop/ workshops	'Reduced prisoner numbers for afternoon session due to staff shortages"
08/01/2019		RC	Target usage of gym is 50 – 55%. Currently achieving 38%.
15/01/2018		Kitchens	"Staff were expecting 16 – 18 prisoners (against optimum 26) but only received 8 due to lockdown on C wing".
17/01/2019		All	"Widespread power cut prevented all movements as prison in lockdown"
09/02/2018		H1	Prisoners "were unhappy that they are first to be kept behind their doors... whenever there are staff shortages."
08/02/2019		Education	"Only 6 sessions of education have been lost in January through lockdown".
08/02/2019		Education	"The planned new multi-skills workshop has been put on hold through lack of resources"
23/03/2019		Laundry	"Laundry not open today due to new boiler being installed".

Section 11: Resettlement preparation

- 11.1 The housing and homelessness charity Shelter provides direct support to all prisoners at HMP Manchester including a 'release' interview 12 weeks prior to their release. The interview addresses the prisoner's circumstances in relation to accommodation, work and finances.
- 11.2 At any given time three members of staff in Shelter are responsible for an average of 180 prisoners ensuring communication links are fluent between partner agencies to support prisoners during their time in custody.
- 11.3 Employment support is provided by 'ACHIEVE' and links between the prison and local employment providers offer routes for prisoners in to the job market following their release.
- 11.4 Members of the Shelter team have access to prison IT systems and are able to share information securely with agencies in relation to safely relocating ex-prisoners back into the community. This includes holding information on any restrictions placed on prisoners relating to orders and close links to the Probation Services.

The Work of the IMB

Board Statistics	
Recommended complement of Board members	22
Number of Board members at the start of the reporting period	14
Number of Board members at the end of the reporting period	14
Total number of visits to the establishment	611
Total number of segregation reviews attended	295

Applications to the IMB

Code	Subject	Current reporting year	Previous reporting year
A	Accommodation including laundry, clothing, ablutions	0	0
B	Discipline including adjudications, IEP, sanctions	0	0
C	Equality	1	0
D	Purposeful Activity including education, work, training, library, regime, time out of cell	0	0
E 1	Letters, visits, phones, public protection restrictions	3	4
E 2	Finance including pay, private monies, spends	4	4
F	Food and kitchens	1	0
G	Health including physical, mental, social care	6	15
H 1	Property within this establishment	11	16
H 2	Property during transfer or in another establishment or location	16	29
H 3	Canteen, facility list, catalogue(s)	1	2
I	Sentence management including HDC, ROTL, parole, release dates, re-categorisation	5	11
J	Staff/prisoner concerns including bullying	6	23
K	Transfers	5	15
L	Miscellaneous	10	24
	Total number of IMB applications	69	143