



WHAT IS THE INDEPENDENT MONITORING BOARD?

Maghaberry and Magilligan Prisons and Hydebank Wood Young Offenders Centre and Prison each have an Independent Monitoring Board (IMB), formerly known as the Board of Visitors.

Members of each Board are drawn from the general public and all sections of the community. Appointed by the Secretary of State, IMB Members act as independent observers of all aspects of the prison regime and as such have free access at all times to the prison to which they are appointed. The work is voluntary and unpaid although certain expenses may be claimed.

WHAT DO THEY DO?

An IMB is appointed for each prison in Northern Ireland by the Secretary of State under the Prison Act (Northern Ireland) 1953. The IMB deal with a variety of issues and are required to:

- satisfy themselves regarding the treatment of prisoners, the state of the prison premises and the facilities available to prisoners to allow them to make purposeful use of their time;
- consider requests and complaints made by prisoners;
- report matters of concern to the appropriate Governor and when necessary to the Secretary of State;
- examine the treatment of prisoners including provision for their healthcare and other welfare while in prison;
- ensure they are informed and visit prisoners on restriction of association; and
- attend Adjudications of prisoners who have been charged with an offence against Prison Rules.

THINK YOU COULD HELP US?

If you would like to find out further information about us please contact us at the address below. We will be happy to provide additional information and answer any queries you may have.

We will take your details and will let you know in advance when the next recruitment campaign will be taking place.

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