

## IOM Prison criticised by Chief Inspector



**Mr C. Taylor, HM Chief Inspector of Prisons.**

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 a report on Jurby Prison, Isle of Man by *HM Chief Inspector of Prisons*, Mr C. Taylor, was released (see link below).

These are some of the concerning comments and critical observations made by Mr Taylor:-

- i) ***"Governance and oversight of many critically important areas of accountability were weak".***
- ii) ***"The use of force by staff was higher than expected given the limited violence".***
- iii) ***"Data collection, oversight and arrangements to support accountability were poor".***
- iv) ***"The treatment of prisoners at risk of suicide and self-harm was inadequate. Interventions or responses were often disproportionate".***
- v) ***"It was particularly concerning to find unfurnished special accommodation being used more than we would expect, often for those who were experiencing a self-harm crisis, which was very poor practice".***
- vi) ***"The clinical governance of health services was weak in some areas of service delivery".***
- vii) ***"Newly arrived male prisoners were held in conditions that were unnecessarily intrusive and restrictive".***
- viii) ***"Many security procedures were disproportionate to the risk posed and were needlessly restrictive. For example, frequent strip-searching of some prisoners was unjustified and excessive".***
- ix) ***"The professional oversight and management of medicines optimisation and pharmacy services were inadequate".***

- x) ***"The prison's regime and, in particular, the education, work and training on offer, did not sufficiently prepare prisoners for employment after release".***



### **Jurby Prison, Isle of Man.**

It is interesting to note that the inspection of Jurby Prison was carried out between 27<sup>th</sup> February and 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023, with the Chief Inspector's report being dated March 2023. The recent judgment in an IOM High Court case concerning the treatment of detainees on the Prison Isolation Wing during April 2020 was published on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023. The Chief Inspector's report was not released until 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Is the delay in publishing the report purely a coincidence?

And one final question, why has it been 12 years since the last Chief Inspector's visit to Jurby Prison?

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