

Recruitment article

Can you work behind closed doors?

Monitoring Fairness and respect for people in prison

Independent Monitoring Boards work in all Prisons, Immigration Removal Centres and some Short Term Holding Facilities in England & Wales. They are all volunteers taken from society local to each establishment.

A function of the IMB is to make sure the whole prison receives regular visits with the purpose of ensuring everything is correct. This is done by Rota visits, one per week. They visit each week, the Segregation Unit, Healthcare and Kitchens, then select other sectors of the prison, so that within a monthly cycle they have visited most parts of the prison. They have monthly Board meetings with the Governor or his/her representative and discuss any concerns that may have arisen during those visits and indeed any other time they are in prison.

They deal with prisoner applications, whereby a prisoner submits a confidential application stating a concern or grievance that he/she feels has not been addressed correctly. investigate and try and assist in resolving the problem.

Just some of the work being done for you by your IMB

Can you do this work? It is interesting, challenging and at times rewarding.

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