

SECTION 5: ISSUES FOR THE GOVERNOR

- **The Board would urge the Governor to secure funding to enable the ongoing and extended use of the Prison Vocational Workshops for training.**

Response:

- *Various bids in place to assist.*
- *Trying to tap into various Government Green Funding.*
- *Capital Budget increased to offset last year's absence.*
- *Need to raise awareness at a higher level.*
- *Budgetary constraints and the need to maximise cost savings in the current environment has been an increasing challenge.*

- **The Board asks the Governor to work with other departments & organisations to identify suitable tutors and budgets for construction, e.g., plastering and tiling so that the vocational workshops can be used to their full potential.**

Response:

- *Currently ongoing, limited by tutoring hours and on island availability.*
- *We have been heavily reliant on UCM delivering as required over the last twelve months.*
- *Exploring employing our own tradespeople and utilising In-house Assessors.*

- **The Board hopes that the role of the Custody Support Officers will be further developed, with particular emphasis on increasing interaction with detainees held in the CSU. The Board would still like to see consideration being given to a protected time slot for Officers to achieve this.**

Response:

- *New policy written some months ago and we are awaiting the opportunity to deliver staff training before roll out.*
- *Majority of the staff training hours have been focused on ACCT, First Aid, Trauma Therapies, and Control & Restraint.*
- *We are planning to prioritise new policy implementation prior to the re-inspection by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons in April 2024.*

- **The Board would continue to urge the Governor to encourage the attendance of a Community Probation Officer at the monthly Safer Custody Meeting to assist with continuity for detainees following their release.**

Response:

- *May only be restricted by availability, but MS Teams a viable option.*

- **As mentioned in previous Annual Reports, the Library is not being fully utilised and is closed for most of the week. If the Library could be developed as a research and study facility, this would be particularly useful to detainees undertaking Distance Learning courses.**

Response:

- *We envisage that this will increase with the new plan of identifying and employing our own tutors. There has been some uncertainty in the past of the responsibility of ownership of this space between us and UCM. Plans are afoot to also utilise this space as a large extra classroom for group therapies.*

- **As previously, the Board remains of the opinion that the introduction of Voluntary Drug Testing would be beneficial.**

Response: *Ongoing. However, restricted by the current staffing levels and training.*