

## **Arbour Hill Visiting Committee - Annual Report 2013.**

### **A Chara**

#### **Herewith is the Annual Report for the Visiting Committee for Arbour Hill Prison for the year ending December 2013**

#### **The Visiting Committee**

The Visiting Committee for Arbour Hill Prison at the start of 2013 consisted of five members Ms Rita Hayes Chairperson, Dr Abdul Bulbulia, Ms Wilhelmina Daly, Ms Angela O'Connor and Mr Patrick Murray. The sixth member Mr Tommy Healy commenced his appointment on 01<sup>st</sup> July 2013 hence completing the Committee at full complement.

Each Committee member visits the prison approximately six times per year and these visits are unannounced. The visit usually consists of a walk around the prison and various workshops, schools, exercise yard, gymnasium etc. During the visit Committee members pay attention to the physical condition of the prison and observe the prisoners in their daily routines.

Arbour Hill visits and the reporting of same are almost always complimentary to the staff and general appearance of the prison. The purpose of the visit is to observe the care of prisoners in Arbour Hill. The Committee are in agreement that the level of care offered to Arbour Hill prisoners is always with high emphasis on humanity and care. It is evident to the Committee that prisoner welfare is of very high importance to Arbour Hill staff.

The Committee also wish to state their observations in regards to the cleanliness of Arbour Hill which is always of a very high standard. The prison is maintained to a very high standard. All services within the prison, food, education, recreation etc. are excellent.

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## **Visits**

Visiting Committee meetings are held every month in Arbour Hill prison. At each meeting members report on their most recent visit and details of same are recorded in the minutes of the meeting. Particular attention is paid to services, cleanliness and the overall appearance of the prison and also the prisoners. Consistent levels of high standards have been observed by all members during 2013.

## **Food**

The quality of the food provided to the prisoners is excellent with a number of different needs being met in relation to diet, culture and religion. A twenty eight day rotating menu plan is in operation - and the preparation of the food is to the highest standard as is evident by the awards achieved by the catering department. Arbour Hill's food is of such a high standard, it is intended that the prison will commence to supply the foods to the Courts of criminal Justice in early January 2014.

## **Visits to Prisoners**

Visits to prisoners at Arbour Hill are facilitated by appointment only: (10-00 <sup>AM</sup> to 12 <sup>Noon</sup> + 2-00 <sup>PM</sup> to 4-00 <sup>PM</sup> on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturdays. There are no visits on Thursdays or Sundays.) . In the visitors waiting room there are play facilities for children who are awaiting a visit and tea/ coffee is also available.

## **Prisoner Visits and representations to the Committee**

Seven prisoners (eight visits) sought formal meetings with the Committee during 2013.

Any requests that were outside the Committee's remit; (*Operational Issues*) said prisoners were advised as to the correct process to progress his requirements. Issues presented by prisoners to the Committee were taken on board and discussed with the Governor.

Prisoners who visited the Committee presented with the following queries and concerns:

- May: Prisoner presented and enquired about his educational prospects and further courses available to him in the future. The Visiting Committee advised him that his request would be with the school as they would be the most experienced in identifying his ability and availability of the course most suitable to his requirements.
- Sept: Prisoner asked the Committee about working gratuity payment. He was advised that in order to qualify for the additional working gratuity payment he must be engaging in work within the prison. The Committee advised him that they would discuss this with the Governor. The Governor advised that he would meet with the prisoner.
- Oct: Prisoner spoke to the Committee about a recent P19 disciplinary sanction he had received for fighting. The Committee listened and advised him that the Governor had

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followed correct procedures in dealing with his P19 and advised the prisoner that he had the right to appeal the decision through the appeal process.

- Oct: Prisoner asked the Committee when the result of his parole review would be issued. He was advised that the Parole Board would be in touch in due course.
- Dec: Prisoner (second time) made further enquiries about his parole board review. He was advised again that as soon as the Parole board issued their recommendation it would in turn be issued to prisoner with precedent.
- Oct: Prisoner informed the Committee that he thought that Officers were putting his cell lights on at inappropriate times. The Committee spoke to the Governor and also looked at CCTV footage on the dates supplied by the prisoner which showed no collaboration with the prisoner's allegations.
- Nov: Prisoner made enquiries as to when his next parole board review would be. The Committee advised the General Office to supply this information to the prisoner.
- Dec: Prisoner told the Committee that he was unhappy that he was not in receipt of working gratuity. The Committee explained that prisoners must fully engage with work allocation to be in receipt of this payment.

This avenue of engagement with prisoners is an important function of the Visiting Committee. The members of the Committee have made themselves accessible both formally at the monthly meeting; and informally during twice monthly prison visits to deal with any issue presented to them by the prison population. It is very important that prisoners have an independent complaint facility, notwithstanding how well, or how ill founded any complaint may be, its important that there be an independent assessor and that those incarcerated by the state are not denied an avenue of complaint independent of those in whose charge they are placed.

### **Workshops and Training**

The emphasis of this prison on training, rehabilitation and the participation in work and/or education of every prisoner is quite exemplary. It is noteworthy that on every occasion we visited the prison, the workshops and school were fully operational. The enthusiasm of the staff, the prisoners and indeed the teachers in the school is to be admired.

There are six separate work areas: -

#### **Print.**

Prints material for a number of government departments providing work and training for up to nine prisoners. Prisoners are trained in the use of modern printing machinery which helps to prepare them for outside work in the future.

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### **Fabric.**

The fabric workshop produces the bed linen required within the prison service. Fire resistant bed-sheets and pillow cases are distributed throughout the country from this facility.

### **Braille.**

The Braille room teaches Braille and transcribes books and periodicals into Braille for people who are visually impaired. This is the only workshop of its type in the country and also the only place in Ireland that repairs “Braille Machines”. The expertise and dedication evident here is more than impressive.

### **Woodwork.**

The wood workshop provides furniture for a number of charities and occasionally for the prison itself. This workshop has been upgraded to provide training and work for the prisoners who are assigned here.

- Upgrade cell furniture. Almost all the cells have been finished with the productions from the workshop which are of a very high quality.
- Supply furniture for Barretstown Castle. The Visiting Committee visited Barretstown during Summer 2013 and witnessed the excellent woodwork supplied by Arbour Hill. This was a very enjoyable visit and the Committee acknowledge the amazing work carried out by Barretstown staff for the children who avail of their facility.
- Environmental awareness support for charitable and public bodies. [Bird Boxes, Bat Boxes etc].

### **Waste management.**

The Waste Management area is a large area which recycles prison waste (*including electrical waste from other areas in the prisons estate*) and provides valuable training and work for a number of prisoners and in the past enabled a number of prisoners to obtain employment post release.

### **Kitchen.**

The Catering Department is managed by prison staff, assisted by a number of prisoners, some of whom are undergoing certified training. It provides valuable training opportunities for the participants. The Industrial Manager in conjunction with the educational department co-ordinates and implements professional qualifications and training accredited by FETAC for participants. The performance of the catering area as acknowledged by afore mentioned EIQA awards is nothing short

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of extraordinary. The variety, quality and wholesomeness of the food provided is most impressive; not to mention the routine provision of specialist diets to cater for cultural, religious and medical needs.

Again we mention the fact that Arbour Hill's food is of such a high standard that it is intended that the prison will commence to supply the foods to the Courts of criminal Justice in early 2014. The provision of meals to prisoners in the Courts will make a significant saving to the exchequer.

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## **Education**

The provision of education is one of the very impressive rehabilitation tools available within Arbour Hill Prison. The Education Department is managed by Dublin City VEC. It provides learning opportunities from Basic Literacy to Degree Level and beyond. The courses available are accredited by the Department of Education and include both the junior and Leaving Certificate.

There are also FETAC and HETAC accredited courses available. A large percentage of prisoners participate in courses in the Education Department.

Additionally, there is a considerable focus on Arts & Crafts as part of a holistic approach to personal development within an educational framework. Painting, Pottery & Stained Glass are just some of the artistic pursuits engaged in by prisoners. The Committee are very impressed by the creative quality and artistic content of the work produced.

Engagement in such activities is, in itself, therapeutic and we would very much like to see greater exposure of the artistic output as an acknowledgement of the commitment and skill of participants.

There is also a well stocked library available for prisoners to study and read for leisure. Due to staff shortage and to ensure that library opening times do not suffer due to staffing constraints, it is operated by a prisoner who has been trained by the DCC Library Services.

## **Building Better Lives**

The Building Better Lives Programme was launched in 2009 and replaces the original Sex Offender Treatment Programme previously available in the prison. The programme is based on a Canadian model and is empirically proven to be an effective intervention for the profile of the sex offender prisoner. Arbour Hill Prison is currently the centre of excellence for the treatment and rehabilitation of sex offenders. The programme is delivered by the Psychology Department. There are currently three psychologists involved in the

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implementation of this therapeutic programme. The number of participants in the BBL is significantly higher than its predecessor with more than one hundred and thirty prisoners participating. Programme concludes with a three way meeting where a handover to the Probation Service takes place with a view towards a supported and in many cases, a supervised release, that will hopefully offer the best chance for a seamless integration back in to the community.

#### **Other Treatment Programmes and Services Provided**

In addition to the BBL programme, Arbour Hill provides other treatment modules to assist in developing important life and social skills such as Anger Management, Successful Living, Preparation for Independent Living and Alternatives to Violence Programmes. St.Vincent De Paul, Legion of Mary, A.A., GROW & The Samaritans also provide valuable supportive services.

#### ***Listeners Programme.***

This is an important service provided by willing and trained prisoners to their peers. ‘*The listeners*’ are trained to listen to concerns, issues, and fears in a confidential setting. Training is provided by the Samaritans; this service provides an important emotional support for fellow prisoners and may well be a contributing factor in the low level of self injury at this facility.

#### **Medical & Services**

Medical services includes 24 hour nursing cover, dental care, visiting Psychiatrist/ Psychiatric Nurse, Psychotherapist, Psychologists, Chiropodist, and optical services as required. The Committee notes that there are a number of very elderly and feeble prisoners who require constant medical attention and very high medical support. There is a concern that some infirm prisoners here in Arbour Hill only survive in this environment thanks to great humanity shown by Officers and indeed fellow prisoners.

#### **Special Observation Room**

*[Part of the function of the Visiting Committee is to monitor the use of the Special Observation Room].*

It was used three times in 2013 as follows:

- Prisoner 1 entered special observation cell on 16/05/13 at 12 midday and left cell at 3.30pm. Entry was at prisoners own request.
- Prisoner 2 entered the cell on 31/07/13 at 1.30pm and left the cell at 15.40pm. Entry was at prisoners own request.
- Prisoner 3 entered the cell on 16/11/13 at 3.30pm and exited the cell on 17/11/13 at 10.50am. Prisoner was put into the cell for medical observation as accumulated medication had been found on his person. This was decided by the medical team.

#### **Deaths whilst in Custody.**

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We are very pleased to note that there were no deaths in Arbour Hill Prison in 2013.

### **Suicide**

The Committee is pleased to note that there were no suicide attempts in 2013.

It is particularly noteworthy that Arbour Hill Prison did not have a single incident of self inflicted injury in the course of 2013.

### **Complaints Procedure.**

Any prisoner can request a complaint form from any member of staff at any time. All complaint forms are numbered and recorded; consequently once a form has been drawn down the '*complaint*' has to be pursued to a conclusion and retained for inspection by the *Inspector of Prisons* or other prison authority who might seek to have sight of same.

### **Probation service**

This prison is very fortunate to have the service of a very active and dedicated probation team. They work with prisoners both individually and collectively in addressing a broad range of issues.

- All new committals are interviewed within 3 working days of arrival.
- Individual offence work with (voluntary) prisoners.
- Facilitate group work, Anger Management, Group Thinking Skills.
- Complete Parole Board and repatriation / transfer and prisoner reports.
- Pre - release work, including referrals, notification and linkage with homeless services.
- Co - ordination of AA and GROW meetings.
- Liaise with family where relationships are strained or dysfunctional.
- Key participants in the delivery of Integrated *Sentence Management*.

Notwithstanding all of the above, the Probation Service continues to assist prisoners in managing their time in custody, encouraging them to participate in education and rehabilitation programmes and providing support for them in reintegrating back into the community. Additionally they assess the potential risk that individual prisoners may pose to society and with increasing frequency have to provide or organise court imposed supervision, sometimes for many years post release.

### **Integrated Sentence Management (ISM).**

Arbour Hill is making good progress with ISM and an ISM Officer has now been appointed full time. All prisoners are actively engaged in the process with the exception of 1 prisoner who declined ISM.

First case waiting list is cleared all the time and first case assessment interviews are conducted within 24 hrs of committal. Consent form is signed and retained on file in ISM office. Referrals are created and Probation, Psychology, Education, Work Training (Industrial Manager) Medical are using database to update assessments.

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All services are co-operating well with ISM in Arbour Hill.

### **Drug Free Prison**

The profile of prisoner, the prevailing ethos and the vigilance of management and staff in Arbour Hill Prison provides for a drug free facility. Visits are strictly monitored and prisoners are also monitored closely to ensure that there is no drug misuse within the prison. Random drug testing is part of the day to day routine at Arbour Hill and prisoners are acutely aware that if they wish to avail of the many excellent services that Arbour Hill has to offer, they are expected to be 100% drug free. It's encouraging to see that the vast majority of the prisoner population are very willing to support this approach. However, during the latter part of 2013 some prisoners were tested and identified as having consumed drugs.

### **Staffing.**

Total staff level in Arbour Hill as from 31/12/13 are 103 staff made up by one Governor, one Deputy Governor, four Paso staff (new grade) and ninety eight Officer grades including Officers, Chief Officers and Assistant Chief Officers.

### **Summary.**

Arbour Hill Prison is very well managed, promoting an ethos of constructive support in a calm and caring atmosphere. The relationship between staff and prisoners although professional, is also a very humane and caring one.

The ongoing development of the *Building Better Lives Programme* and Integrated *Sentencing Management* provide important initiatives not just within Arbour Hill Prison, but in the Irish Prison Service generally - and for the wider community at large, as they positively contribute to reintegration and risk management in the post release scenario. Incentivised Regimes is designed to encourage and 'incentivise' positive participation in intervention therapies and educational opportunities during the currency of sentence. This operation is proving very successful.

As a civilised and caring society there is an ethical, moral and indeed practical need to provide structures and supports for vulnerable people on discharge from custodial care. The fact that many of these people have sexual and/or behavioural problems merely accentuates the urgency of this requirement. Notwithstanding that it is our instinctive reaction to identify and empathise with 'victims' it's imperative that we be cognisant of our responsibility to put in place structures that will assist offenders in '*risk management*' and bring about a reduction in recidivism. Such an approach is not just in the interest of offenders but also addresses the interest of society as a whole, because it offers the most positive and constructive mechanism for returning offenders into the wider community, while being cognisant of their needs within a managed and structured support mechanism.

It is abundantly clear to us that there is an enormous need for some type of supported transitional accommodation to facilitate acclimatisation and re-integration.

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As a humane and caring society we are not entitled to just abandon those who are vulnerable and alone, this is especially true when such persons have sexual/behavioural issues.

Indeed it is very much in our interest that some structure be put in place to support such persons - and in so doing offer them the best possible chance of successful rehabilitation and reintegration back into the community.

Programmes like *Building Better Lives* when enhanced by concepts such as *Integrated Sentence Management* are wonderful initiatives, however without a functioning post release support structure there are limitations on what can be achieved.

Unfortunately many vulnerable and/or dysfunctional individuals will continue to be discharged and without the relevant support systems in place may re offend.

The provision of such supports is a crucial factor in reducing recidivism and provides a mechanism through which 'needs & risks' can be managed and reduced. As in previous years *Case Conferences* are scheduled well in advance of all releases and as always all relevant parties are invited. It is to the credit of all at Arbour Hill that they have managed to locate accommodation and initiate contact with Community Welfare services, Local Authority and support services such as Soram, Peter McVerry trust, St Vincent de Paul and Trail.

In many cases they have continued to source a range of supports varying across a broad spectrum of needs; e.g. Therapeutic, Psychological, Psychiatric and General Medical.

Again this year the Probation Service is to be commended for their energy and industry in liaising with external agencies /charitable organisations without whom much of the current post release support would simply not be possible. Such support is so important as fear and isolation is felt by prisoners on re-entry into the community.

### **Appreciation.**

We wish to thank Governor Liam Dowling and all staff for their co-operation and assistance and for their willingness and desire to create and sustain a pleasant and caring regime. It would be remiss of this Committee not to acknowledge the dedication humanity and professionalism of everyone who contributes to making Arbour Hill such a positive and caring place.

The Chairperson and Members of the Visiting Committee, wish to express their thanks and appreciation to Chief P J McAndrew, secretary to the Committee for many years. P J has always been available to us in the past and it is with sadness that from this year he will no longer be secretary to the Committee as he is reverting to work in the prison from the general office. He could not be more helpful, supportive and obliging. The Committee knows that we could always have relied on him and he always facilitated us unhesitatingly. We thank P J for his great work during the years. The prison service should be very proud of the calibre of its employees.

Barbara Boshell Paso 1 in charge of the General Office has replaced PJ as secretary to the Committee and is proving a very splendid replacement to PJ.

This concludes the Arbour Hill Visiting Committee Annual Report for 2013.

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Ms Rita Hayes \_\_\_\_\_ [*Chairman*].

Dr Abdul Bulbulia. \_\_\_\_\_

Ms Wilhelmina Daly. \_\_\_\_\_

Ms Angela O'Connor. \_\_\_\_\_

Mr Paddy Murray. \_\_\_\_\_

Mr Tommy Healy \_\_\_\_\_

## **Coiste Cuairte Chnoc an Arbhair - Tuarascáil Bhliantúil** **2013.**

### **A Chara**

#### **Leis seo, tá Tuarascáil Bhliantúil an Choiste Cuairte do Phríosún Chnoc an Arbhair don bhliain dar críoch an Nollaig 2013**

### **An Coiste Cuairte**

Bhí an Coiste Cuairte do Phríosún Chnoc an Arbhair comhdhéanta de chúigear ball ag tús na bliana 2013, ba iad sin: Rita Hayes Uas., Cathaoirleach, an Dr Abdul Bulbulia, Wilhelmina Daly Uas., Angela O'Connor Uas. agus an tUas. Patrick Murray. Chuir an séú ball, an tUas. Tommy Healy, tús lena cheapachán an 1 Iúil 2013, a d'fhág go raibh foireann iomlán ag an gCoiste ag an am sin.

Tugann gach ball den Choiste cuairt ar an bpríosún tuairim is sé huaire in aghaidh na bliana agus is cuairteanna gan fógra iad sin. Is é a bhíonn i gceist leis an gcuart de ghnáth ná siúl thart ar an bpríosún agus ar na ceardlanna éagsúla, ar na scoileanna, ar an gclós aclaíochta etc. Le linn na cuairte, tugann baill den Choiste aird ar riocht fisiciúil an phríosúin agus amharcann siad ar na príosúnaigh agus iad i mbun ghnáthchúrsaí an lae.

Moltar an fhoireann agus cuma ghinearálta le linn cuairteanna ar Phríosún Chnoc an Arbhair agus sa tuairisciú ar na cuairteanna sin i ngach cás, beagnach. Is é cuspóir na cuairte ná féachaint ar chúram na bpríosúnach i bPríosún Chnoc an Arbhair. Tá an Coiste ar aon aigne go leagtar ardbhéim i gcónaí ar dhaonnacht agus ar chúram sa leibhéal cúraim a thugtar do phríosúnaigh i bPríosún Chnoc an Arbhair. Is soiléir don Choiste go bhfuil leas na bpríosúnach an-tábhachtach d'fhoireann Phríosún Chnoc an Arbhair.

Is mian leis an gCoiste trácht a dhéanamh freisin ar ghlaineacht Phríosún Chnoc an Arbhair, áit a mbíonn an-slachtmhar i gcónaí. Cothabháiltear an príosún de réir caighdeán an-ard. Sármaith a bhíonn gach seirbhís a chuirtear ar fáil sa phríosún – bia, oideachas agus áineas ina measc.

### **Cuairteanna**

Is gach mí i bPríosún Chnoc an Arbhair a thionóltar cruinnithe an Choiste Cuairte. Ag gach cruinniú, tugann baill tuairisc ar an gcuart is déanaí a thug siad agus taifeadtar sonraí faoi na cuairteanna sin i miontuairiscí an chruinnithe. Tugtar aird ar leith ar sheirbhísí an phríosúin, ar ghlaineacht an phríosúin, ar an gcuma fhoriomlán a bhí ar an bpríosún, agus ar na

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príosúnaigh. Chonaic gach duine de na baill na hardchaighdeáin chomhsheasmhacha a bhí i bhfeidhm le linn na bliana 2013.

### **Bia**

Is ar chaighdeán fíor-ard a bhíonn an bia a chuirtear ar fáil do na príosúnaigh agus freastalaítear ar roinnt riachtanais éagsúla ó thaobh réim bia, cultúir agus creidimh de. Tá biachlár rothlach ocht lá is fiche i bhfeidhm – agus ullmhaítear an bia de réir an chaighdeáin is airde – mar is léir ó na dámhachtainí a bhain an rannán lónadóireachta amach.

Bíonn caighdeán an bhia i bPríosún Chnoc an Arbhair chomh hard sin go mbeartaítear go dtosóidh an príosún ag soláthar bianna do na Cúirteanna Breithiúnais Coiriúla go luath i mí Eanáir 2014.

### **Cuairteanna ar Phríosúnaigh**

Is trí choinne amháin a éascaítear cuairteanna ar phríosúnaigh ag Príosún Chnoc an Arbhair: (10- 00 AM go dtí 12 Meán Lae + 2-00 PM go dtí 4-00 PM ar an Luan, ar an Máirt, ar an gCéadaoin, ar an Aoine agus ar an Satharn. Ní bhíonn aon chuairteanna ar an Déardaoin ná ar an Domhnach). I seomra feithimh na gcuairteoirí, tá áiseanna súgartha do leanaí atá ag fanacht le cuairt a thabhairt. Tá tae/caife ar fáil sa seomra freisin.

### **Cuairteanna Príosúnach agus uiríll chuig an gCoiste**

Lorg seachtar príosúnach (ocht gcuart) cruinnithe foirmiúla leis an gCoiste le linn na bliana 2013.

I gcás aon iarratas nár tháinig faoi shainchúram an Choiste (*Saincheisteanna Oibríochta*), cuireadh comhairle ar an bpríosúnach maidir leis an bpróiseas ceart chun a chuid riachtanas a thabhairt ar aghaidh. Rinneadh breithniú ar shaincheisteanna a chuir príosúnaigh in iúl don Choiste agus pléadh iad leis an nGobharnóir.

Bhí na ceisteanna agus na hábhair inmí seo a leanas ag príosúnaigh a bhuaile leis an gCoiste:

- Bealtaine: Chuir príosúnach ceist faoina ionchais oideachais agus faoi chúrsaí eile a bheadh ar fáil dó sa todhchaí. Mhol an Coiste Cuairte dó dul i dteagmháil leis an scoil toisc go mbeadh cumas ní bh'fhearr aici a acmhainn a mheas agus an cúrsa ab oiriúnaí dá riachtanais a shainaithint.
- Meán Fómhair: Chuir príosúnach ceist ar an gCoiste faoi íocaíocht aisce oibre. Cuireadh in iúl dó go mbeadh air dul i mbun oibre sa phríosún chun go mbeadh sé incháilithe le haghaidh íocaíocht bhreise aisce oibre. D'inis an Coiste dó go bpléifeadh sé an cheist sin leis an nGobharnóir. Dúirt an Gobharnóir go mbuailfeadh sé leis an bpríosúnach.

- Deireadh Fómhair: Labhair príosúnach leis an gCoiste faoi smachtbhanna araíonachta P19 a forchuireadh air le déanaí de bharr troda. D'éist an Coiste leis an bpríosúnach agus chuir an Coiste in iúl dó gur lean an Gobharnóir na nósanna imeachta cearta agus é ag déileáil leis an smachtbhanna sin, ach d'inis sé don phríosúnach go bhféadfadh sé achomharc a dhéanamh in aghaidh an chinnidh tríd an bpróiseas achomhairc.
- Deireadh Fómhair: Chuir príosúnach ceist ar an gCoiste cén uair a d'eiseofaí an toradh óna athbhreithniú parúil. Insíodh dó go mbeadh an Bord Parúil i dteagmháil leis in am trátha.
- Nollaig: Chuir príosúnach (don dara huair) ceisteanna eile faoina athbhreithniú leis an mbord parúil. Cuireadh in iúl dó arís eile go n-eiseofaí an moladh don phríosúnach chomh luath agus a d'eiseodh an Bord Parúil moladh ar an ábhar.
- Deireadh Fómhair: Chuir príosúnach in iúl don Choiste gur shíl sé go mbíodh na hOifigigh ag cur na soilse ina chillín ar siúl ag amanna míchuí. Labhair an Coiste leis an nGobharnóir agus scrúdaigh sé an t-ábhar TCI ó na dátaí a thug an príosúnach, rud nár thacaigh le líomhaintí an phríosúnaigh.
- Samhain: D'fhiafraigh príosúnach cén uair a bheadh a chéad athbhreithniú eile leis an mbord parúil ar siúl. D'iarr an Coiste ar an Oifig Ghinearálta an fhaisnéis sin a thabhairt don phríosúnach.
- Nollaig: Dúirt príosúnach leis an gCoiste nach raibh sé sásta nach mbíodh aisce oibre á fáil aige. Mhínigh an Coiste dó go mbeadh ar phríosúnaigh páirt iomlán a ghlacadh sa leithdháileadh oibre chun go bhfaighidís an íocaíocht sin.

Feidhm tábhachtach de chuid an Choiste Cuairte is ea an cineál sin rannpháirtíochta le príosúnaigh. Chuir na baill den Choiste iad féin ar fáil, ar bhealach foirmiúil ag an gcruinniú míosúil agus ar bhealach neamhfhoirmiúil le linn cuairteanna ar an bpríosún, chun déileáil le haon saincheist a chuir pobal an phríosúin in iúl dóibh. Is an-tábhachtach go mbíonn próiseas neamhspleách gearán ar fáil do phríosúnaigh. Beag beann ar cé chomh cruinn nó míchruinn atá aon gearán, tá sé tábhachtach go mbíonn measúnóir neamhspleách ann agus nach ndiúltaítear próiseas gearán atá neamhspleách ar an stát dóibh siúd atá faoi choimeád.

### **Ceardlanna agus Oiliúint**

Is an-eiseamláireach atá an bhéim a chuireann an príosún seo ar oiliúint, ar athshlánú agus ar rannpháirtíocht in obair nó in oideachas gach príosúnaigh. Is fiú a lua go raibh na ceardlanna agus an scoil go hiomlán feidhmiúil ar gach ócáid a thugamar cuairt ar an bpríosún. Ní mór díograis na foirne, na bpríosúnach agus, go deimhin, na múinteoirí sa scoil a urramú.

Tá sé réimse oibre ar leith ann: -

**Priontáil.**

Priontáiltear ábhar le haghaidh roinnt ranna rialtais, rud a chuireann obair agus oiliúint ar fáil do suas le naonúr príosúnach. Cuirtear oiliúint ar phríosúnaigh in innealra nua-aimseartha priontála a úsáid, rud a chabhraíonn le hiad a ullmhú d’obair ar an taobh amuigh sa todhchaí.

**Fabraic.**

Táirgeann an cheardlann fabraice na héadaí leapa is gá laistigh den tseirbhís príosún. Déantar braillíní agus clúdaigh philiúir atá dófhriotaíoch a dháileadh ar fud na tíre ón tsaoráid seo.

**Braille.**

Sa seomra Bhraille, teagasctar Braille agus tras-scríobhtar leabhair agus tréimhseacháin go Braille do dhaoine lagamhairc. Is í seo an t-aon cheardlann dá cineál sa tír agus is í an t-aon áit in Éirinn a ndeisítear “Meaisíní Bhraille”. Tá saineolas agus tiomantas den scoth le feiceáil anseo.

**Adhmadóireacht.**

Soláthraíonn an cheardlann adhmadóireachta troscán do roinnt carthanas agus, uaireanta, don phríosún féin. Rinneadh uasghrádú ar an gceardlann seo chun oiliúint agus obair a chur ar fáil do na príosúnaigh a shanntar anseo.

- Troscán cillíní a uasghrádú. Is i mbeagnach gach ceann de na cillíní atá troscán a tógadh de réir caighdeán an-ard sa cheardlann.
- Troscán a sholáthar do Chaisleán Bhaile Bhairéid. Thug an Coiste Cuairte cuairt ar Chaisleán Bhaile Bhairéid le linn Shamhradh na bliana 2013 agus chonaic sé lena shúile féin na hearraí adhmaid a sholáthair Príosún Chnoc an Arbhair. Baineadh an-taitneamh as an gcuairt sin agus aithníonn an Coiste an obair den scoth a dhéanann foireann Chaisleán Bhaile Bhairéid do na leanaí a bhaineann leas as an áis.
- Tacaíocht feasachta comhshaoil do chomhlachtaí carthanachta agus poiblí. [Boscaí Éin, Boscaí Ialtóige etc].

**Bainistíocht dramhaíola.**

Tá an réimse Bainistíochta Dramhaíola ina réimse mór ina n-athchúrsáiltear dramhaíl an phríosúin (*lena n-áirítear dramhaíl leictreach ó limistéir eile in eastát na bpríosúin*) agus ina gcuirtear oiliúint agus obair luachmhar ar fáil do roinnt príosúnach. San am

atá caite, chuir sé sin ar chumas roinnt príosúnach fostaíocht a fháil tar éis iad a scaoileadh.

### **An Chistin.**

Is í foireann an phríosúin, le cúnaimh ó roinnt príosúnach, a bhainistíonn an Rannán Lónadóireachta. Tá roinnt de na príosúnaigh sin ag dul faoi oiliúint dheimhnithe. Soláthraíonn sé deiseanna luachmhara oiliúna do na rannpháirtithe. I gcomhar leis an rannán oideachais, déanann an Bainisteoir Tionsclaíoch comhordú agus cur chun feidhme ar cháilíochtaí gairmiúla agus ar oiliúint ghairmiúil arna gcreidiúnú ag FETAC le haghaidh rannpháirtithe. Is a bheag nó a mhór iontach atá feidhmíocht an réimse lónadóireachta, mar atá aitheanta ag dámhachtainí EIQA thuasluaite. Is an-suntasach atá éagsúlacht, cáilíocht agus folláine an bhia a chuirtear ar fáil; gan trácht ar an ngnáthsholáthar aistí speisialta bia chun freastal ar riachtanais chultúrtha, chreidimh agus mhíochaine.

Luaimid arís eile go mbíonn caighdeán an bhia i bPríosún Chnoc an Arbhair chomh hard sin go mbeartaítear go dtosóidh an príosún ag soláthar bianna do na Cúirteanna Breithiúnais Coiriúla go luath sa bhliain 2014. Trí bhéilí a sholáthar do phríosúnaigh sna Cúirteanna, bainfear coigilteas suntasach amach don státchiste.

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### **Oideachas**

Tá soláthar oideachais ar cheann de na huirlisí athshlánaithe is fearr atá ar fáil i bPríosún Chnoc an Arbhair. Tá an Rannán Oideachais á bhainistiú ag Coiste Gairmoideachais Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath. Soláthraíonn sé deiseanna forbartha, idir Litearthacht Bhunúsach agus Leibhéal Céime agus níos airde ná sin. Is creidiúnaithe ag an Roinn Oideachais atá na cúrsaí a chuirtear ar fáil agus áirítear leo an Teastas Sóisearach agus an Ardteistiméireacht araon.

Tá cúrsaí creidiúnaithe FETAC agus HETAC ar fáil freisin. Glacann céatadán mór de phríosúnaigh páirt i gcúrsaí sa Rannán Oideachais.

Chomh maith leis sin, cuirtear béim shuntasach ar Ealaín agus Cheardaíocht mar chuid de chur chuige iomlánaíoch i leith forbairt phearsanta faoin gcreat oideachais. Tá Péinteáil, Potaireacht agus Gloine Dhaite i measc roinnt de na gníomhaíochtaí ealaíne a nglacann na príosúnaigh páirt iontu. Bhí an Coiste an-tógtha leis an gcáilíocht chruthaitheach agus leis an ábhar ealaíonta a bhí sna saothair a ullmhaíodh.

Bíonn sé teiripeach páirt a ghlacadh i ngníomhaíochtaí den sórt sin agus ba mhaith linn tuilleadh aschur ealaíne a fheiceáil chun aitheantas a thabhairt do thiomantas agus do scil na rannpháirtithe.

Tá leabharlann dhea-stocáilte ar fáil do phríosúnaigh, áit ar féidir le príosúnaigh staidéar a dhéanamh agus léamh ar son na fóillíochta. Mar gheall ar ghanntanas foirne agus chun a chinntiú nach n-imríonn srianta foirne tionchar diúltach ar amanna oscailte na leabharlainne, is é príosúnach a fuair oiliúint ó Sheirbhísí Leabharlainne Chomhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath a oibríonn an leabharlann.

### **Saolta Níos Fearr a Thógáil**

Seoladh an Clár um Shaolta Níos Fearr a Thógáil sa bhliain 2009 agus glacann sé áit an Chláir Chóireála do Chiontóirí Gnéis a bhí ar fáil roimhe sin sa phríosún. Tá an clár bunaithe ar Mhúnla a forbraíodh i gCeanada, rud a chruthaítear i bhfianaise eimpíreach a bheith ina idirghabháil éifeachtach do phróifíl an phríosúnaigh is ciontóir gnéis. Is é Príosún Chnoc an Arbhair an t-ionad barr feabhais do chóireáil agus d'athshlánú ciontóirí gnéis faoi láthair. Is é an Rannán Síceolaíochta a sholáthraíonn an clár. Tá triúr síceolaithe páirteach faoi láthair sa chlár teiripeach sin a chur chun feidhme. Tá an líon rannpháirtithe sa Chlár um Shaolta Níos Fearr a Thógáil i bhfad níos airde ná an líon rannpháirtithe sa chlár roimhe, agus tá níos mó ná céad duine is tríocha páirteach ann. Ag deireadh an chláir, cuirtear cruinniú tríbhealach ar siúl, áit a n-aistrítear an clár chuig an tSeirbhís Promhaidh d'fhonn scaoileadh faoi thacaíocht agus, i bhformhór na gcásanna, scaoileadh faoi mhaoirseacht a bhaint amach. Táthar ag súil go dtabharfaidh sé sin an deis is fearr le haghaidh imeascadh gan bhriseadh ar ais sa phobal.

### **Cláir agus Seirbhísí Eile um Chóireáil a Chuirtear ar Fáil**

Mar aon leis an gClár um Shaolta Níos Fearr a Thógáil, cuireann Príosún Chnoc an Arbhair modúil eile chóireála ar fáil chun cabhrú le scileanna tábhachtacha saoil agus sóisialta a fhorbairt. I measc na gclár sin, tá Láimhseáil Feirge, Maireachtáil Rathúil, Ullmhú do Mhaireachtáil Neamhspleách agus Roghanna Eile ar Fhoréigean. Cuireann Cumann Naomh Uinseann de Pól, Léigiún Mhuire, Alcólaigh gan Aínm, GROW agus na Samáraigh seirbhísí luachmhara tacaíochta ar fáil freisin.

### **An Clár Éisteoirí.**

Seirbhís thábhachtach a bhíonn á cur ar fáil ag príosúnaigh thoilteanacha agus oilte dá bpríosúnaigh eile is ea seo. Cuirtear oiliúint ar “*na hÉisteoirí?*” in éisteacht le hábhair inní, le fadhbanna agus le hábhair eagla i dtimpeallacht rúnda. Is iad na Samáraigh a chuireann an oiliúint ar fáil; soláthraíonn an tseirbhís tacaíocht mhothúchánach thábhachtach do phríosúnaigh eile agus d'fhéadfadh go mbeadh sí ag cur leis an leibhéal íseal féinchochair ag an tsaoráid seo.

### **Cúrsaí agus Seirbhísí Míochaine**

Áirítear le seirbhísí míochaine clúdach giolla lachta/altranais 24 uair, cúram fiacla, Síciatraí/Altra Síciatrach, Síciteiripeoir, Síceolaithe, Coslia ar cuairt, agus seirbhísí optúla de réir mar is gá. Tugann an Coiste dá aire go bhfuil roinnt príosúnaigh an-aosta laga a mbíonn gá acu le

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cúram leanúnach míochaine agus le tacaíocht an-ard mhíochaine. Tá imní ann gurb é an daonnacht a léiríonn na hOifigigh – agus príosúnaigh eile – amháin a chuireann ar chumas príosúnach easlán anseo i bPríosún Chnoc an Arbhair an timpeallacht a sháru.

### **An Seomra Breathnóireachta Speisialta**

[*Tá sé mar chuid d'fheidhm an Choiste Cuairte faireachán a dhéanamh ar úsáid an tSeomra Breathnóireachta Speisialta*].

Ba mar seo a leanas a úsáideadh é trí huair sa bhliain 2013.

- Chuaigh príosúnach 1 isteach sa chillín breathnóireachta speisialta ag 12 meánlae an 16/05/13 agus d'fhág sé an cillín ag 3.30pm an lá céanna. Ba é an príosúnach féin a d'iarr dul isteach ann.
- Chuaigh príosúnach 2 isteach sa chillín an 31/07/13 ag 1.30pm agus d'fhág sé an cillín ag 15.40pm. Ba é an príosúnach féin a d'iarr dul isteach ann.
- Chuaigh príosúnach 3 isteach sa chillín an 16/11/13 ag 3.30pm agus d'imigh sé ón gcillín an 17/11/13 ag 10.50am. Cuireadh príosúnach sa chillín le haghaidh breathnóireacht mhíochaine toisc gur thángthas ar leigheas ina sheilbh. Ba í an fhoireann mhíochaine a rinne an cinneadh ina leith sin.

### **Básanna príosúnach agus iad faoi Choimeád.**

Táimid an-sásta a lua nach raibh aon bhásanna i bPríosún Chnoc an Arbhair sa bhliain 2013.

### **Féinmharú**

Tá áthas ar an gCoiste a lua nach ndearna aon phríosúnach iarracht lámh a chur ina bhás féin sa bhliain 2013.

Is fiú a lua nach raibh aon teagmhas díobhála féindéanta i bPríosún Chnoc an Arbhair le linn na bliana 2013.

### **Nós Imeachta Gearán.**

Is féidir le príosúnach ar bith foirm ghearáin a iarraidh ó bhall foirne ar bith ag am ar bith. Déantar gach foirm ghearáin a uimhriú agus a thaifeadadh; chomh luath agus atá foirm tarraingthe anuas, ní mór an 'gearán' a leanúint go dtí go dtabharfar chun críche é agus ní mór í a choinneáil lena hiniúchadh ag Cigire na bPríosún nó ag údarás eile príosúin a d'fhéadfadh féachaint leis an bhfoirm sin a fheiceáil.

### **An tSeirbhís promhaidh**

Tá an-ádh ar an bpríosún seo foireann promhaidh atá an-ghníomhach agus an-tiomanta a bheith aige. Oibríonn siad le príosúnach ar bhonn aonair agus ar bhonn comhpháirteach araon chun dul i ngleic le raon leathan saincheistean.

- Cuirtear gach cime nua faoi agallamh laistigh de 3 lá oibre óna dteacht.
- Obair chiona aonair le príosúnaigh (dheonacha).
- Obair ghrúpa, Láimhseáil Feirge, Scileanna Smaointeoireachta Grúpa a éascú.
- Tuairiscí an Bhoird Pharúil agus tuairiscí aisdiúichithe / aistrithe agus príosúnach a chomhlánú.
- Obair réamhscaoilte, lena n-áirítear atreoruithe, fógraí agus nascacht le seirbhísí do dhaoine gan dídean.
- Cruinnithe AA agus GROW a chomhordú.
- Idirchaidreamh a dhéanamh le teaghlaigh i gcásanna ina mbíonn caidreamh eascairdiúil nó mífhaidhmiúil idir iad agus an príosúnach.
- Rannpháirtithe tábhachtacha i soláthar na *Bainistíocht Pianbhreithe Chomhtháite*.

D'ainneoin gach ceann de na nithe thuas, leanann an tSeirbhís Promhaidh ar aghaidh le cúnaimh a thabhairt do phríosúnaigh a gcuid ama faoi choimeád a bhainistiú, tugann sí spreagadh dóibh páirt a ghlacadh i gclár oideachais agus athshlánaithe agus tugann sí tacaíocht dóibh agus iad ag athimeascadh sa phobal. Ina theannta sin, déanann siad measúnú ar an riosca a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ag gabháil le príosúnaigh aonair don tsochaí. Bíonn méadú ag teacht ar an líon cásanna nach mór dóibh maoirseacht arna forchur ag na cúirteanna a chur ar fáil nó a eagrú iontu. I gcásanna áirithe, leantar ar aghaidh leis an maoirseacht sin ar feadh blianta fada tar éis scaoilte.

### **Bainistíocht Pianbhreithe Chomhtháite (ISM).**

Bíonn dea-dhul chun cinn á dhéanamh i bPríosún Chnoc an Arbhair ó thaobh ISM de agus tá Oifigeach lánaimseartha ISM fostaithe sa phríosún anois. Seachas príosúnach amháin a dhiúltaigh do ISM, glacann na príosúnaigh uile páirt ghníomhach sa phróiseas.

Is ar bhonn leanúnach a ghlantar liosta feithimh 'an chéad cháis' agus tugtar faoi agallaimh mheasúnaithe 'an chéad cháis' laistigh de 24 uair ó chimiú. Déantar an fhoirm toilithe a shíniú agus a choinneáil ar comhad san oifig ISM. Cruthaítear atreoruithe agus baineann baill foirne ó na réimsí seo a leanas – Promhadh, Síceolaíocht, Oideachas, Oilíúint Oibre (Bainisteoir Tionsclaíoch) agus Seirbhísí Míochaine – úsáid as bunachar sonraí chun measúnuithe a thabhairt cothrom le dáta.

Bíonn comhoibriú maith idir na seirbhísí uile agus ISM i bPríosún Chnoc an Arbhair.

### **Príosún atá Saor ó Dhrugaí**

A bhuí le próifíl na bpríosúnach, leis an éiteas atá i réim agus le faireachas na mbainisteoirí agus na foirne i bPríosún Chnoc an Arbhair, is saoráid atá saor ó dhruaí é. Déantar dianmhonatóireacht ar chuartheanna agus déantar dlúthmhonatóireacht ar phríosúnaigh chun a chinntiú nach mbíonn aon mhí-úsáid drugaí laistigh den phríosún. Bíonn tástáil

randamach drugaí mar chuid den ghnáthamh laethúil ag Príosún Chnoc an Arbhair agus tuigeann príosúnaigh go maith gur gá dóibh bheith go hiomlán saor ó dhrugaí más mian leo leas a bhaint as an iomad seirbhísí den scoth a chuirtear ar fáil i bPríosún Chnoc an Arbhair. Is ábhar misnigh é go mbíonn formhór mór phobal an phríosúin an-sásta tacú leis an gcur chuige sin. Sa chuid deiridh de 2013, áfach, rinneadh tástálacha ar roinnt príosúnach agus sainathnódh go raibh siad tar éis drugaí a thógáil.

### **Soláthar Foirne.**

Bhí 103 duine san iomlán ar fhoireann Phríosún Chnoc an Arbhair amháil an 31/12/13. Ba é a bhí san fhigiúr sin ná Gobharnóir amháin, Leas-Ghobharnóir amháin, ceathrar Oifigeach Riaracháin agus Tacaíochta Príosúin (grád nua) agus ochtar Oifigeach is nócha eile ar ghráid éagsúla – Oifigigh, Príomh-Oifigigh agus Príomh-Oifigigh Chúnta ina measc.

### **Achoimre.**

Bainistítear Príosún Chnoc an Arbhair go han-mhaith, agus cothaíonn sé éiteas tacaíochta cuidithí i dtimpeallacht atá socair agus dea-chroíoch. Cé go bhfuil caidreamh gairmiúil idir an fhoireann agus na príosúnaigh, is caidreamh an-daonnachtúil agus an-chomhbhách é.

Is tionscnaimh thábhachtacha iad forbairt leanúnach an Chláir um Shaolta Níos Fearr a Thógáil agus Bainistíochta Pianbhreithe Comhtháite, ní amháin do Phríosún Chnoc an Arbhair, ach do Seirbhís Phríosúin na hÉireann i gcoitinne – agus don phobal mór – toisc go gcuireann siad ar bhealach dearfach le hathimeascadh agus le bainistíocht riosca i gcás iarscaoilte. Is é is aidhm do na Córais Dhreasaithe ná rannpháirtíocht dhearfach a spreagadh agus a ‘*dhreasú*’ i dteiripí idirghabhála agus i ndeiseanna oideachais le linn saolré pianbhreitheanna. Bíonn ag éirí go maith leis an oibríocht sin.

Mar shoचाí atá sibhialta agus comhbhách, tá gá eiticiúil, morálta agus, go deimhin, praiticiúil le struchtúir agus le tacaíochtaí a chur ar fáil do dhaoine leochaileacha agus iad á scaoileadh ó chúram coinneála. Tarlaíonn sé go mbíonn fadhbanna gnéasacha nó iompraíochta ag cuid mhór de na daoine sin, rud a chuireann le práinn an riachtanais sin. D’ainneoin go ndéanaimid ceangal le ‘híospartaigh’ inár gcroí, is tábhachtach go bhfuilimid feasach ar an bhfreagracht atá orainn struchtúir a chur i bhfeidhm a chabhróidh le ciontóirí atá faoi réir ‘*bainistíocht riosca*’ agus a chuirfidh laghdú in atitimeachas ar fáil. Níl cur chuige den sórt sin chun leas na gciontóirí amháin, ach tugann sé aghaidh ar leas na sochaí ina hiomláine freisin, mar go dtairgeann sé an mheicníocht is dearfaí agus is cuidithí chun ciontóirí a thabhairt ar ais sa phobal níos leithne, agus aird á tabhairt aige ar a riachtanais laistigh de mheicníocht tacaíochta atá bainistithe agus struchtúrtha ag an am céanna.

Tá sé ríshoiléir dúinn go bhfuil gá ollmhór le cóiríocht idirthréimhseach faoi thacaíocht de chineál éigin chun cuibhiú agus athimeascadh a éascú.

Toisc gur sochaí dhaonnachtúil chomhbhách sinn, nílimid i dteideal iad siúd atá leochaileach agus ina n-aonar a thréigean. Tá sé sin fíor go háirithe i gcás daoine a bhfuil fadhbanna gnéasacha/iompraíochta acu.

Go deimhin, tá sé chun ár leas féin go gcuirtear struchtúr de chineál éigin i bhfeidhm chun tacú leis na daoine sin – agus, trí é sin a dhéanamh, an seans is fearr agus is féidir d’athshlánú rathúil agus d’athimeascadh sa phobal a thabhairt dóibh.

Nuair a chuireann coincheapa ar nós *Bainistíocht Píanbhreithe Chomhtháite* leo, is tionscnaimh den scoth iad cláir ar nós an *Chláir um Shaolta Níos Fearr a Thógáil*. Mar sin féin, tá teorainn lenár féidir a bhaint amach in éagmais struchtúr feidhmiúil tacaíochta iarscaoilte a bheith ann.

Ar an drochuair, leanfar le roinnt mhaith daoine leochaileacha agus/nó mífheidhmiúla a scaoileadh agus, mura gcuirfear na córais chúí thacaíochta i bhfeidhm, is féidir go gciontóidh siad arís.

Tá soláthar tacaíochtaí den sórt sin ina thoisic ríthábhachtach maidir le hatitimeachas a laghdú agus tá sé ina mheicníocht trínar féidir ‘riachtanais agus rioscaí’ a bhainistiú agus a laghdú. Mar a bhí amhlaidh i mblianta roimhe, sceidealtar *Comhdhálacha ar Chásanna* tamall maith roimh gach “scaoileadh” agus tugtar cuireadh do na páirtithe ábhartha go léir i ngach cás. Ba cheart gach duine ag Príosún Chnoc an Arbhair a mholadh as iad a bheith in ann cóiríocht a aimsiú agus teagmháil a chur ar bun le seirbhísí Leasa Pobail, le hÚdaráis Áitiúla agus le seirbhísí tacaíochta ar nós Soram, Iontaobhas Peter McVerry, Chumann Naomh Uinseann de Pól agus Trail.

I mórán cásanna, lean siad ar aghaidh le raon leathan tacaíochtaí a fhoinsiú do raon leathan riachtanas; e.g. Riachtanais Theiripeacha, Riachtanais Shíceolaíocha, Riachtanais Shíciatracha agus Riachtanais Mhíochaine Ginearálta.

Arís i mblianta, is gá an tSeirbhís Promhaidh a mholadh as a gcuid fuinnimh agus díchill maidir le hidirchaidreamh a dhéanamh le gníomhaireachtaí seachtracha/ le heagraíochtaí carthanúla. Gan na daoine sin, ní bheifí in ann cuid mhaith den tacaíocht reatha iarscaoilte a chur ar fáil. Léiríonn tacaíocht den chineál sin an leibhéal ‘eagla agus aonraithe’ a mhothaíonn cuid mhór príosúnach agus iad ag teacht isteach sa phobal mór arís.

### **Buíochas.**

Is mian linn buíochas a ghabháil leis an nGobharnóir Liam Dowling agus leis an bhfoireann as a gcomhar agus as a gcúnamh agus as an toilteanas agus an dúil a bhí acu i réim thírúil chomhbhách a chruthú agus a choimeád ar bun. Bheadh sé sleamchúiseach mura dtabharfadh an Coiste seo aitheantas do thiomantas, do dhaonnacht agus do ghairmiúlacht na ndaoine go léir a chabhraíonn le háit chomh dearfach agus comhbhách sin a dhéanamh de Phríosún Chnoc an Arbhair.

Is mian leis an gCathaoirleach agus le Baill den Choiste Cuairte buíochas a ghabháil leis an bPríomh-Oifigeach P J McAndrew, a bhí ina rúnaí don Choiste le blianta fada. Bhíodh PJ i gcónaí ar fáil dúinn san am atá thart agus is mór an trua é nach mbeidh sé ina rúnaí don Choiste go fóill mar go mbeidh sé ag obair amach ón oifig ghinearálta sa phríosún. Níorbh fhéidir leis bheith níos cabhraí, níos tacúla agus níos garúla. Tá a fhios ag an gCoiste go

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mbímis in ann brath air i gcónaí agus ba ghnách leis sinn a éascú gan bhraiteoireacht i dtólamh. Gabhaimid buíochas le PJ as a chuid oibre den scoth thar na blianta. Ba cheart don tseirbhís príosún bheith bródúil as caighdeán a fostaithe.

Is í Barbara Boshell, a bhíodh ina hOifigeach Riaracháin agus Tacaíochta Príosúin ar Ghrád 1 i gceannas ar an Oifig Ghinearálta roimhe sinn, a ghlac áit PJ mar rúnaí don Choiste agus bíonn ag éirí go geal léi.

Is é seo deireadh Thuarascáil Bhliantúil Choiste Cuairte Phríosún Chnoc an Arbhair do 2013.

Rita Hayes Uas. \_\_\_\_\_ [Cathaoirleach].

An Dr Abdul Bulbulia. \_\_\_\_\_

Wilhelmina Daly Uas. \_\_\_\_\_

Angela O'Connor Uas. \_\_\_\_\_

An tUas. Paddy Murray. \_\_\_\_\_

An tUas. Tommy Healy \_\_\_\_\_