

Join our team to monitor life in prison and the fair and humane treatment of prisoners

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# Do you want to gain skills in a new and interesting way?

Are you looking for a role with a difference that provides insight into a world that few people see? Do you also believe in fair and humane treatment for everyone? Then you could be exactly who we're looking for.

Inside every prison there's an Independent Monitoring Board (IMB) made up of members of the public doing an extraordinary job – and we're currently recruiting.

Whether you're looking to develop your skillset and gain experience, reconnect with the working world after taking a break, or meet new people and fill your time, volunteering could be the answer for you.

We're looking for people who share our values and commitment and are keen to give back to their community.

#### What's the role?

You'll work as part of a team of IMB volunteers, who are the eyes and ears of the public, appointed by ministers to perform a vital task: independent monitoring of prisons.

You'll report on whether prisoners are being treated fairly and humanely and whether they're being given the support they need to turn their lives around. This can make a huge difference to the lives of those held.

#### What would I do?

You'll have full access to the prison to monitor the day-to-day life of those held there. You could be talking to a prisoner who's worried or vulnerable, who isn't able to access the support they need, or who needs help to sort out some practical problems.

## Could I be a Board member?

As long as you're committed to equality, diversity and inclusion and are over 18, we welcome your application. We're keen to encourage members from every walk of life and all backgrounds.

You'll normally need to live within a 45 minute journey of the prison, although this could be more in certain areas.

### What qualifications do I need?

You don't need any qualifications; your values are more important. You'll receive training for the role and a mentor who will support you throughout your professional development.

## What's the time commitment?

You'll usually need to commit to making around 2 to 3 visits a month, although this may be more during your induction period.

#### Will I be paid?

Although this is an unpaid role, we pay travel and subsistence expenses, childcare or carer costs and, in certain circumstances, contributions towards loss of earnings.





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