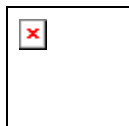


PRISON BOARD: REPORT FOR 1999

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REPORT

General

The total number of persons received into Prison declined from 464 in 1998 to 418 in 1999; however the daily occupancy rate increased by 10.3 per cent, with the number of prisoner days increasing from 41,728 to 46,025. This reflects the number of long-term inmates now being held at La Moye. In addition to the inmates held in Jersey, a further 8,743 prisoner days were served by Jersey-sentenced prisoners who had been transferred to prison establishments in the United Kingdom to complete their sentences, representing a 20 per cent reduction from 1998, highlighting the reduced number of prisoners now being transferred. It must be noted that the daily average prison population in Jersey during 1999 was 126.10, and when combined with the Jersey-sentenced population in the United Kingdom of 23.95, this produced a total daily average prison population of 150.05 individuals.

Building projects

During the year, modifications to both the kitchen and medical facilities were completed in order to maintain the standards of service and meet legislative requirements.

Preparatory work on the new Control Room and the associated security features were undertaken to enable construction of the facility to commence during 2000.

Overcrowding

Inmate numbers were at a high level throughout 1999, causing overcrowding in a number of areas. The Vulnerable Persons Unit continued to cause concern, with record numbers of prisoners being detained in a facility designed for a small number of prisoners. The Young Offenders wing also experienced periods of overcrowding during the year. These problems will not be resolved until more accommodation becomes available.

Mr. C.J. Cox, Head of Custody

Mr. C.J. Cox, who joined the Prison Service in April 1973 and progressed through the Service to attain the post of Head of Custody, was forced to take medical retirement in May 1999. His retirement was short as he died a few months later. Charlie's contribution to the Prison Service was considerable, earning him the respect and friendship of all his colleagues.

**Prison (Board of Visitors) Regulations 1957:
Regulation 19**

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE STATES OF THE PRISON BOARD OF VISITORS FOR THE YEAR 1999

General

The Prison Board of Visitors held 11 monthly meetings at the prison in 1999 and one special meeting for a disciplinary hearing was necessary. 63 complaints and requests were put before the Board and a further 72 dealt with by the Jurats visiting between routine meetings.

Throughout the year there has been unrelenting pressure on every area of prison work, affecting staff severely. This can be demonstrated clearly by the statistics.

Statistics

1. Prison daily population increased by 10.3 per cent.
2. Inmates serving sentences of 4 years and over increased by 35 per cent.

N.B. on average 25 per cent of all male prisoners require segregation. In 1999 there were often as many as 30 in the unit, which was originally intended to hold seven. All possible spare space for segregated accommodation has been used. There is nowhere left to convert.

These enormous increases have led to -

1. The necessity for an average 32.5 hours of overtime every day.
2. 1,292 days absence by staff due to sickness in 1999, a proportion of which is attributable to overwork in a stressful job.
3. Inability to implement staff training in subjects such as -
 - (a) human rights issues - **urgently needed**;
 - (b) operational training, including - (1) intervention training;
(2) first aid;
(3) orderly officer training;
 - (c) progressive training, including - (1) information technology;
(2) drugs counselling;
(3) successional planning;
(4) provision of specialist courses to inmates.

Buildings

No new building has been possible during 1999 due to lack of finance. Preparatory work for the new Control Room has been done, and actual building will be started during 2000. Otherwise, nothing further can be attempted until funds allocated for 2003 become available, despite the urgent need for increased capacity and treatment of the widespread concrete degradation.

Discipline

Breaches of prison rules reached a figure of 139, which is very similar to the previous year, but again there was a rise in those attributable to the Y.O.I. However, this really only reflects the rise in numbers held throughout the year. What is of great concern to the Board is that over half of the breaches occurred in the last third of the year, which correlates exactly with the big rise in the number of lengthy remands.

N.B. 76 per cent of all remand inmates have been held for over 56 days, and nearly half of those for twice that length of time. 13 inmates have spent more than six months on remand. The remand period is always a time of uncertainty for inmates, and leads to disruptive behaviour. The Board of Visitors is consulting with all agencies concerned to see what can be done to expedite getting cases into court and deal with this unacceptable state of affairs.

Welfare

The improved medical facilities have been more efficient and pleasant for staff and inmates to use. Without them it would have been impossible to deal with the increased demand. The day release scheme has continued to operate, allowing up to about six inmates to work regularly. There were 1,889 releases, 1,726 of them for work experience. Five participants in the scheme had to be withdrawn but there were no serious breaches of the privilege.

Lack of facilities is a matter of concern -

1. There is no gymnasium in the adult prison.
2. Visiting facilities are inadequate due to numbers.
3. There is no segregation of remand and convicted prisoners, not even in the Y.O.I. or V.P.U.
4. The standard of buildings and facilities for females is very poor.
5. Only minimal drugs and alcohol counselling is available.

None of these defects, apart from 5., can be remedied until money is available for expansion of the present prison complex.

The Chaplaincy Team has continued providing its considerable input to the welfare of everyone at the prison and the Board of Visitors expresses its gratitude to them. Very sadly Father Brian Cousins, who has worked tirelessly for all, died in December, which has left many inmates, as well as staff, with a great feeling of personal loss. His work and influence was widely spread and will be sorely missed.

Appreciation

In July the death of Mr. Charles Cox following a long period of illness and enforced early retirement, came as sad news to all involved at the prison. He gave many years of dedicated service to the Prison, for which we cannot now thank him, and was prevented from the full enjoyment of his retirement.

Jurat Charles Gruchy, Vice-Chairman of the Board, retired in March, rapidly followed in April by Jurat Nick Herbert. Both have been long-serving members of the Board and have always given of their time and expertise unstintingly for the benefit of staff and inmates alike. Common sense was their hallmark and the Board thanks them both for all their hard work.

As always, the Board also wishes to record it thanks to the Governor and staff of the prison for their dedicated work under far from ideal conditions and circumstances, and to praise them for their attitude to an unenviable task, which somehow carries the whole establishment through many troubled waters.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRISON GOVERNOR

H.M. PRISON
Jersey C.I.

The President and Members
of the Home Affairs Committee,

I have the honour to present my report for the year 1999.

1. Population

The daily average population was 126.10 and the comparison with other years is as follows -

Average for	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>
	98.38	107.20	115.00	114.32	126.10

The comparative figures for the greatest and least number of persons in Prison on any one day show the following -

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>
Greatest number	120	125	145	131	144
Least number	74	88	96	105	107

2. Receptions

The total number of persons received into Prison during 1999 was lower than in 1998. The figures are as follows -

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>
Males	397	425	481	430	399
Females	<u>23</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>19</u>
Total	420	444	513	464	418

The figures below show how the persons received into Prison during the year were dealt with by the Courts, and a comparison with 1998 is given -

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>
Sentenced to imprisonment or youth detention	217	149
Dealt with by methods other than imprisonment	205	211
Remaining in custody unsentenced at the end of the year	<u>33</u>	<u>56</u>
	455	416
Transferred from the United Kingdom	9	1
Debtors	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>464</u>	<u>418</u>

3. Length of sentence

The sentences imposed in 1999 compared with those in 1998 were as follows -

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>
1 month and under	102	63
Over 1 month and under 6 months	73	47
6 months to 12 months	18	25
Over 12 months to 2 years	23	15
Over 2 years to under 5 years	16	14
5 years to under 6 years	6	3
6 years and over	9	3
Life	-	-
	#247	*170

Includes 30 of the 39 persons admitted to Prison in 1997 but sentenced in 1998.

* Includes 21 of the 33 persons admitted to Prison in 1998 but sentenced in 1999.

4. Young Offenders

The number of persons under the age of 21 received into Youth Detention in 1999 were two females and 100 males, compared with five and 86 in 1998.

Of the 102 admitted, two were 15, 13 were 16, 34 were 17, 14 were 18, 26 were 19 and 13 were 20 years of age.

5. Previous convictions

Of the 418 persons admitted during the year, 303 were known to have had previous convictions, and 186 had served terms of imprisonment or some other form of custodial or suspended sentences or community service.

6. Countries of origin

Of the total admissions, 153 were Jersey-born, compared with 170 in 1998. In addition, 142 had resided in the Island long enough to be considered permanent residents.

Of the remainder, 84 claimed to be citizens of the United Kingdom, 14 were from Eire, 14 from Madeira and a further 11 from Bangladesh, China, Ecuador, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Portugal and Venezuela.

7. Temporary releases

A total of 1,889 temporary releases were granted during the year, with 1,726 being for work experience. There were five breaches of discipline.

8. Discipline

139 reports were submitted against 72 prisoners for contravening prison rules during the year. Of these, three were referred to the Police, one was referred to the Board of Visitors, and the remainder were cautioned or dismissed, forfeited remission or received suspended awards, loss of privileges or pay. Some offenders were dealt with for more than one offence, the highest

being one prisoner with ten reports, and two with six.

There was an increase in reports submitted against Young Offenders, which may be attributed to the increased population and overcrowding experienced on the unit.

9. Cost of prisoners' food

The cost of food provided to prisoners during 1999 amounted to £2.23 per day.

10. Employment of prisoners

Most prisoners were employed in the Prison Industries, which produced an income of £177,139.

11. Staff

On 31st December 1999, the establishment of the Prison Staff was as follows -

	<u>1999</u>
Governor	1
Head of Custody	1
Senior Unit Manager	2
Unit Manager	4
Catering Officer	2
Prison Officer (male)	45
Prison Officer (female)	8
Hospital Officer	3
Engineer Officer	3
Industrial Officer	1
Psychiatric Nurse	1
Executive Officer	1
Clerical Officer	1
Secretary/ Clerical Officer (part-time)	1
Clerk (part-time)	1
Civilian Horticultural Officer	1
Civilian Driver/Compound Assistant	1
Cleaner	1

E.K. WHEELER

Prison Governor.

ANNUAL STAFF DEPLOYMENT 1999

The Detail Department has at times had some extreme demands made of it during 1999, mainly due to the continued high average daily Prison population (126.1 inmates per day average).

The Department has strived to meet all the demands made of it during 1999. Taking into account such variables as inmate escorts and watches, staff sickness, works coverage and continued changes to Prison regimes, while at the same time being mindful of the Prison annual budget and the needs of our most valuable asset "the staff".

The continued high daily average Prison population has resulted in a large number of inmate movements out of the Prison. These have been collated into the heading listed in the attached Appendix and recorded in hours.

Wherever possible, casual leave requests were granted. Changes of allocated leave periods and extensions of leave periods were facilitated wherever possible. Of a total of 2,446 leave days due (an increase of 337 days over 1998) 437.5 have been carried forward into 2000 (a reduction of 168 days over 1998).

Time off in lieu (T.O.I.L.) has also been a continued option. A total of 2,095 hours have been carried forward into 2000, an increase of 907.75 hours over the 1998 figure (1,522.5 hours for Unit Managers and 572.5 hours for Basic Grade Officers).

Absenteeism through sickness has seen a significant rise compared with 1998 (1,032 days in 1998, 1,292 days in 1999) a total rise of 206 days. 27 staff recorded nil sickness during 1999.

Once again the continued professionalism, goodwill, dedication and flexibility of the Staff has contributed greatly in enabling the Detail Department to utilise its resources effectively and efficiently during 1999.

However, our service is now at a point where additional staff must be recruited so that, we may continue to carry out our core objectives and our commitment to the Island's Crime and Drug strategies. We are committed to providing a number of initiatives, which are fundamental to our role within the community. These initiatives are labour-intensive and have an obligation for future training.

N. WATKINS

Unit Manager - Staff Detail.
APPENDIX

ESCORTS BY RATE AND TYPE (1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER 1999)

Escort type	Std	Std x 1.5	Std x 2	T.O.I.L.	Bank holiday	Total hours
Courts	446.25	356.08		0.50		802.83
Special watch	431.42	597.75	188.50			1,217.67
clinic	429.83	171.42	3.25	1.50		606.00
Home leave	134.25	13.75	10.75	15.50		174.25
Miscellaneous	69.33	98.25		7.25		174.83
Escort U.K.	19.00	64.75				83.75
Dentist	4.83					4.83
Grand total	1,534.91	1,302.00	202.50	24.75	0.00	3,064.16



STAFF TRAINING REPORT 1999

The training events of 1999 relied on the specialist training delivered by prison officer tutors. This commenced in January 1999 with the training of the new short duration breathing apparatus. As the name suggests, this equipment is designed to facilitate the emergency response to trapped individuals in smoke-filled or burning environments. The training is conducted at the local fire station and at a bunker which simulates zero visibility and provides an obstacle-filled, unfamiliar setting for the officers to operate in. All operational staff are required to undergo this training to a level of proficiency.

Control and Restraint (C&R) training was also delivered by a team of four prison officer trainers. This team consisted of two experienced trainers and a further two who underwent initial tutor training in Guernsey. It is worth noting that the two new instructors were commended for the standard of their work on the training course and their eventual successful assessment.

All operational staff took part in a two-day training event in C&R which was conducted at the now vacant D'Hautrée school. The course covered all aspects of initial C&R, from passive inmate to non-compliant armed inmate removal.

One of the Health Care Team, Officer Bennett, has embarked upon a conversion course from the now obsolete SEN qualification to become a Registered General Nurse.

An initial training course was delivered over an eight-week period for new entrant prison officers. The course was composed of eight Jersey officers and supplemented by five officers from the Isle of Man.

One officer began training in the role of Health and Safety Officer. This is a modular course which is administered by the Jersey Council for Health and Safety.

JANUARY

Officers Gouyet and Mitchell underwent continuation training as instructors in C&R. Also taking part in this training event were Officers Coram and Querée, who qualified as instructors. The course was delivered by specialist United Kingdom trainers and was based in Guernsey.

Twelve officers received instruction in Short Duration Breathing Apparatus (SDBA), this training is delivered by our own officer trainer. The apparatus is designed, as the name suggests, to facilitate immediate reactive intervention rather than prolonged exposure for fire fighting.

MARCH

Unit Manager Watkins, Officer Gouyet and Officer Mitchell attended a C&R advanced training course. This was delivered at Kidlington in Oxford by the United Kingdom C&R training team.

MAY

All operational staff took part in a two-day C&R training event which was delivered by our own training staff. The course was designed to keep staff up to date with technical developments in C&R.

SEPTEMBER

Health Care Officer Bennett commenced a conversion course which will result in his qualifying as a Registered General Nurse. The course is done largely by correspondence with periodic attendance at hospitals for practical assessment.

OCTOBER

Eight officers from Jersey and five officers from the Isle of Man commenced initial prison officer training. The training was based entirely in the Island and addressed technical skills, inter-personal skills, C&R, emergency aid, drug recognition, addictions and physical education. All thirteen students completed the course satisfactorily.

NOVEMBER

Thirty-six operational staff received training in SDBA. The course was locally delivered using our own officer instructor.

Officers Gouyet, Mitchell, Querée and Coram received continuation training as instructors of C&R.

Officer Mound commenced specialised training as a health and safety officer.

INMATE DEVELOPMENT 1999

Four Enhanced Thinking Skills Courses were run in the Prison during 1999. These events were officer-led and co-tutored by Mr. P. Gleeson, psychotherapist. Two courses were run on the Vulnerable Prisoner Unit, and two in the main prison. Each course consists of twenty once-weekly sessions followed by a further single session for course evaluation and recognition. The courses are certified and have enjoyed a full success rate.

There were two drug awareness courses run on the Young Offender wing. These were officer-led and dealt with such issues as addiction, health matters, and offending behaviour.

Eight adult prisoners successfully completed officer-led courses in emergency aid.

Throughout the year on the main adult wing there have been computer courses available on an ad lib basis, and these have been well subscribed by a range of inmates of varying abilities and interests. These courses are informal and designed in the first instance to de-mystify computers, and therefore do not lead to any formal qualification.

A visiting teacher conducts music sessions on a similar basis to the computer class, and there has been reasonable interest shown in this, primarily in guitar and piano.

Five inmates have successfully completed Community Sports Leaders Awards. This course involves the inmates designing and delivering sports and games programmes showing due regard to such attendant issues as health and safety facilities, experience of participants and so on.

Two complete packages of Life Skills were delivered to inmates on the YOI. These courses are modular and run twice-weekly over a ten-week cycle.

Two inmates are engaged in correspondence courses: one in computer programming to degree level and the second in technical drawing.

SENIOR UNIT MANAGER J. KENNEDY

Head of Training and Development.

PRISON MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT 1999

The President and Members of the Board

Details of examinations and consultations on reception into Prison or by request in 1999 were as follows -

Reception medical examinations

Male	215
Female	15
Y.O.I.	91
V.P.U.	30

Routine reporting sick consultations

Male	772
Female	72
Y.O.I.	177
V.P.U.	317

Total consultations by Prison M.O. 1,687

Dental treatments

Dental Clinic (General Hospital)	3	escorts
Outside dental surgery	8	escorts
Retained dentist visiting HMP (36 visits)	267	treatments

Total treatments on inmates 278

Optician

Retained optician to HMP 1 visit	3	treatments
Outside optician	18	escorts

Chiropodist

10 visits to HMP	20	treatments
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Physiotherapy

Physiotherapist to HMP (40 visits)	121	treatments
Escorts to Physiotherapy Department at General Hospital	13	

The list below details referrals by the Prison M.O. to the General Hospital and for examinations by a consultant.

E.E.G. at Bon Air	1	consultations
C.T. Scan	2	“
Diabetic Clinic	1	“
Prosthetic Clinic	4	“
E.N.T.	18	“
Sports Injury Clinic	6	“
Dermatology Clinic	14	“
Eye Clinic	12	“
Fracture Clinic	29	“
Orthopaedic Clinic	33	“
Surgical Clinic	15	“
Pre-Admission Clinic	10	“
Pain Clinic	18	“
Medical Clinic	3	“
Special Clinic	8	“
Clinical investigations	2	“
X-Ray Department	36	“
Ultrasound	5	“
A. & E. Department	5	“
Psychiatric Clinic	1	“
Laser treatment (Bon Air)	1	“
Colcoscopy	1	“
Vascular Clinic	3	“
Barium meal	2	“

Listed below are the admissions of inmates to the General Hospital -

Admissions to short-stay wards	20 days	12 patients
Admissions to general wards	47 days	14 patients

Inmates were admitted to the General Hospital for the procedures listed below -

Excision of bilateral gynaecomastia	1
Chest pain	2
Knee operation	1
Status epilepticus	1
Nerve block	2
Removal of cysts	2
Arthroscopy	2
Interferon treatment	1
Skin graft	1
Nose operation	2

During 1999 the following detoxifications were carried out at HMP -

Detoxification from alcohol	49
Detoxification from opiates	32
Detoxification from benzodiazepines	9
Detoxification from a combination of opiates and benzodiazepines	40

Dr. I. Muscat (Consultant Microbiologist) offers counselling and treatment to inmates who are H.I.V., Hepatitis“B” and Hepatitis “C” positive. These conditions are frequently caused by intravenous drug abuse.

Dr. Muscat visited the prison on 11 occasions and carried out 26 consultations.

I again acknowledge my appreciation of the help given by the Governor and Prison Officers at all times, and particularly Hospital Officers - Messrs. C. Russell, A. Bennett, A Cowham and Mrs. J. Lowe for their considerable assistance and support throughout the year.

DR. R.A.B. PERKINS

Prison Medical Officer.

PSYCHIATRIC REPORT FROM 1ST JANUARY - 31ST DECEMBER 1999

Number of sessions provided by Dr. Faiz	41
Adult male patients seen for initial consultation	15
Female patients seen for initial consultation	2
Follow-up on adult males from 1998	6
Follow-up on females from 1998	1
Vulnerable Persons Unit patients seen for initial consultation	10
Follow-up on Vulnerable Persons Unit males from 1998	2
Young offenders seen for initial consultation	7
Follow-up on young offenders from 1998	3
Total initial consultations	34
Number of follow-up consultations	12
Total number of consultations for 1999	133
Total number of clients seen by Dr. Faiz	46

Dispersal of patients

Still serving sentence at La Moye	19
Transferred to U.K. Prisons	1
Normal discharge from La Moye	25
Deported	1

G.F. FAIZ

Consultant Psychiatrist.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG SERVICE STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1999

Number of sessions provided by Elaine Jackson	33
Number of clients seen by Elaine Jackson	51
Total number of interviews/1:1 sessions by Elaine Jackson	96

All were offered follow-up care.

Number of sessions provided by Bill Saunders	20
Number of clients seen by Bill Saunders	34
Number of which were for preparation of court reports	21
Number of which were for assessments requested by Prison	3
Number of which were follow-up interviews/sessions	11
Number of clients that were offered follow-up care	21

Number of sessions provided by Jane Finlay	2
Number of clients seen by Jane Finlay	2

Number of sessions provided by Pat Devine	2
Number of clients seen by Pat Devine	2

FORENSIC NURSE STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1999

Number of sessions provided by Ian Dyer	26
Number of clients seen by Ian Dyer	16

Follow-up care was offered to those discharged from prison by Ian Dyer.

JEAN LOWE, RMN, SRN

Psychiatric Nurse.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION REPORT - 1999

Staff

Mr. Mitchell	Physical Education Instructor
Mr. Coram	B.A.W.L.A. Coach/Community Sports Leader
Mr. Rowlandson	Insitu. Sports and Games Course
Mr. Hinks	Qualified Sports Massage Therapist
Mr Barnett	Insitu. Sports and Games Course
Mr. Milton	Insitu. Sports and Games Course
Mr. Townsend	Insitu. Sports and Games Course

As the majority of activities take place both for senior and junior inmates during evenings or at weekends, it is important these sessions are covered when possible by P.E. qualified staff. There are several staff who do cover P.E. sessions when regular staff are not available, and I would like to thank them for their input throughout the year: Officers Williams, Langford, and Querée.

Mr. Hinks left the prison service during the year, and this was a big loss as he was a respected member of the team.

The Young Offenders Institution has continued to be supervised by Young Offenders Institution staff who have experience within the P.E. Department. Messrs. Brown, Keenan, Querée and Aubert have offered a full and varied programme at the Young Offenders Institution, my thanks to them for their assistance throughout the year. It has been increasingly difficult to undertake P.E. duties as well as the daily duty of running the general routine on the wing.

Activities available

Football
Weights
Basketball
Volleyball
Handball
Fitness tests
Softball
Circuit training
Non-stop cricket
Long ball
Aerobics
Power lifting
Yoga

Facilities

- 1 floodlit outdoor all-weather sports facility;
- 1 weights room (equipped with multi-gym, free-standing weights, two treadmill machines, two computer-bikes, one stepper and a rowing machine);
- 1 indoor gym (YOI) (badminton, short basketball, short volleyball, pin football, circuits, vaulting);
- 1 outdoor yard (YOI) (mini-football, volleyball, badminton, tennis court and running track);
- 1 limited weight training equipment at the Vulnerable Persons Unit;
- 1 keep-fit room at the females' unit consisting of: runner, rower, exercise bike and aerobic steps.

Summary

1999 was finally the year the Department acquired its all-weather facility, and it has proved a godsend. Not only have we been able to run a more organised timetable, but also we have widened the variation of sport available. The all-weather surface is being utilised by convicted/remands, Young Offenders Institution and the Vulnerable Persons Unit. The facility has

proved very popular with the Vulnerable Persons Unit as it is their only real outlet for regular exercise.

The weights room caters for a maximum of twelve inmates, and on a regular basis still has people waiting to use it. The cardiovascular fitness equipment has had further additions, thanks mostly to a donation from a local gymnasium proprietor. Space is at an absolute premium in the gym, and we feel that the removal of an unused recess area in the gym is a necessity.

Although most sessions run to almost their capacity, it is our aim to encourage different personnel to get involved in the various activities, rather than having the same person participating in back-to-back sessions. Hopefully the introduction of new activities will address this.

In November, the Community Sports Leaders Award was introduced to the adult section of the prison, and five inmates are at present in the final stages of completing the course. I would like to thank Mr. Coram for assisting me with the tutoring throughout the course.

I would finally like to pass on my appreciation to staff who have performed admirably throughout the year, in what can be described as heated situations, especially on sports sessions. The release of energy from inmates, controlled by staff, without doubt assists the smooth running of the establishment. My thanks to one and all.

E.D. MITCHELL

Physical Education Instructor.

YOUNG OFFENDERS INSTITUTION - REVIEW OF 1999

Young Offenders Institution

Male persons under the age of 21 years were segregated from adult prisoners by locating them in the Young Offenders Institution throughout the year.

Statement of purpose

The Young Offenders Institution will receive, keep and discharge young offenders under the best possible conditions, delivering a service which provides an environment of good order which is free from fear, with access to facilities for physical, mental and spiritual care.

The objectives will be to assist young offenders to address their offending behaviour and to provide training resources which are individually applied to prepare trainees to lead law-abiding and worthwhile lives after discharge.

Current performance

Education

The Young Offenders Institution continued to incorporate education as part of its daily routine. During 1999 the following courses were achieved -

Subject	Number of trainees	Tutor
Men's Health x 1	10	Mr. Martin Knight
Life Skills x 2 (Part Course)	15	Officer Keenan
English (6 months)	3	Mrs. Jackson
Drug Awareness x 2	20	Unit Manager Bradbury
Computer Skills	4	Officer Keenan
Relaxation	9	Mr. Peter Gleeson

Industry/employment

The Young Offenders Institution continues to operate a full employment policy and seeks to offer work which is both challenging and developmental. The main industry continued to be picnic and park benches, which are sold locally. An amount of wooden furniture was also refurbished for one of the local breweries.

The car valeting continued and provided steady employment for those involved in it. Public services have provided us with extra valeting work in the form of tankers. However, this industry depends on good weather, as there is no shelter from either the wind or rain.

Physical education

The Young Offenders Institution continued to offer as wide and varied a sports programme as possible. This is designed to educate trainees in varieties of sport, teamwork, nutrition and the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

Regime

The incentive scheme continued to develop throughout the year. Modifications with the scheme indicated that a review was appropriate, as it became apparent that the type of trainees that we now house need individual support and attention. No longer can they all be expected to measure up to the same standard or require the same assistance and management. The review of the incentive scheme prompted us to put the scheme on hold in an attempt to tackle the needs of the individuals.

The Personal Officer Scheme on the wing continued to run and is available to all trainees. This year we have involved the Probation Service when conducting an initial assessment, and they receive a copy. This should give a clearer picture of the trainee's background. Working together with the Probation Service in this way means that a sentence plan can be improved and extended to cover the supervised part of their sentence.

Overcrowding this year caused us to lose some of our more important facilities, such as the classroom and the kitchen area.

These had to be converted into temporary accommodation and recreational amenities. If this trend continues, the rehabilitation of individuals will suffer and our role will become one of containment.

UNIT MANAGER P. BRADBURY

Young Offenders Institute.

VULNERABLE PERSONS UNIT REPORT 1999

The Vulnerable Persons Unit is by necessity separate from the main prison. The accommodation is inadequate as several categories of Vulnerable Persons are housed together, contrary to prison policy.

This overcrowding is inclined to lead to increased tension, and in order to reduce this threat the work and education was increased as follows -

Education

- Enhanced Thinking Skills x 2;
- Alpha Course (religious and moral issues);
- Relaxation/mediation group work.

Work

- bench construction;
- planters construction;
- garden table construction;
- fire wood industry;
- boat repair/refurbish;
- amphibian vehicle refurbishment;
- agricultural work from the compound.

UNIT MANAGER P. BRADBURY

Vulnerable Persons Unit.

FEMALE UNIT REVIEW 1999

The female wing is a separate facility within La Moye which houses all female prisoners, regardless of age and status, and is supervised solely by female staff. During 1999 the following was achieved -

- The Wing was refurbished.
- A “Mummy’s Playgroup” was run every Sunday morning for female prisoners with children. The Children’s Service supplied a qualified nursery nurse to assist in the supervision of the session. The playgroup operated for ten months of the year.
- Two girls were on work release, training to be qualified hairdressers with a local hair stylist.

UNIT MANAGER P. BRADBURY

Female Wing.

ATTENDANCE CENTRE

The Attendance Centre is a constructive alternative available to Courts which encourages self-discipline without the restrictions which a custodial sentence imposes.

In 1999 the Prison developed a Jersey Heritage project in conjunction with the Jersey Museum Service.

This project included supervised visits to the Museum, La Hougue Bie and the Maritime Museum and proved both informative and rewarding.

OFFICER D. MULLIN

Attendance Centre.

PRISON CHAPLAIN'S REPORT 1999

Role of the chaplaincy team

The role of the chaplaincy team is an important one, as it tends needs within the prison which differ from those being addressed by other agencies (although they are often associated). Both staff and inmates are aware of the value of the team, which provides pastoral care from reception through to release and beyond.

Duties in which the team is involved

Spiritual care and Christian teaching

- Pastoral care for the inmates and officers and their families.
- Chapel Service Sunday mornings (alternate between Anglican and Methodist).
- Roman Catholic Mass Saturday mornings.
- Alpha Course - Bible studies (periodically arranged).
- Ecumenical Christmas Carol Service.
- Providing pastoral care when a member of the prisoner's family is seriously ill or has died.
- Occasionally accompanying an inmate to a funeral service.
- Weekly visits to all wings of the prison (unless delegated to a specific wing).
- Providing Christian reading material (e.g. Chapel Service books, Christian literature, etc.)

Optional practical support

1. Outside care and support in the community (e.g. visiting families of prisoners).
2. Aftercare for prisoners on release.
3. Preparation for release (e.g. finding accommodation, obtaining furniture, contacting prospective employers, submitting references, etc.).
4. Arranging and supervising visits between inmates and their families, with particular reference to complex domestic and marital difficulties.
5. Outside work projects.
6. "Mummy's Playhouse". (This is a facility for female inmates and their children, which is normally held within the prison in a dedicated area. This activity also takes place at Communicare under the supervision of the prison officers assisted by the Chaplaincy Team.)
7. Arranging supervised visits to Communicare for wives of prisoners who are experiencing difficulties within the marriage.
8. When necessary communicating with the families of inmates living on the mainland.
9. Writing references for inmates to the courts.
10. Giving encouragement to the kitchen staff who come to Communicare at Christmas and cook the senior citizens Christmas dinner.

As can be seen from the very comprehensive list of activities in which the chaplaincy team is involved, we provide an invaluable support to the prison service.

Staff

Fr. Brian Cousins - Roman Catholic Chaplain

It was with great sadness we report that our Roman Catholic Chaplain Fr. Brian Cousins died in December last year. Many profound tributes were paid to Fr. Brian, who faithfully ministered to the inmates for the last five years.

It would take volumes to adequately describe the tremendous ministry through pastoral guidance, a listening ear and practical support that he gave so unselfishly to both inmates and staff. His words of comfort, friendliness, easy approach, wisdom and unshakeable faith which he so bravely demonstrated during his last few weeks of life, when as a critically sick man near to death, barely able to walk, he bravely came into La Moye for the last time in his own words, "To see his boys". I know that his Christian influence will have a great influence on many of the inmates and staff for many years.

Rev. Derek Poole - Methodist Chaplain

Rev. Poole who is the minister responsible for the Methodist Churches in the west of the Island, has been taking alternate Sunday morning worship during the last year. In spite of his busy life in the church outside we have been grateful for all his help.

Mr. David Evans

David Evans is the warden of St. Paul's Centre in St. Helier. He has been an invaluable help to our team. David is responsible for the pastoral oversight of the segregation wing and shares his vast ministerial experience, both theological and practical, with the inmates on a number of occasions each week. He is a gentleman who deeply cares and engenders encouragement to those who find that their crimes are deplored by prisoners from the other wings.

During 1999 David started an Alpha Course which is a "Christian Teaching Course". About six inmates went regularly and

their faith was encouraged and deepened as a result.

David also writes references for inmates, and as well as providing practical support assists some inmates on release from La Moye.

David has provided a calming influence on the segregation wing and is much sought after for his help and guidance by all of the inmates in the wing.

Mrs. Christine Hansford

Mrs. Hansford is a volunteer worker from Communicare Church Centre. Chris assists the chaplain by being responsible for the pastoral oversight of the female wing.

Chris has a natural way with the inmates and is a very enthusiastic and welcome visitor. She is gifted with tremendous patience, is able to relate to inmates whatever their crime or status, and she has the ability to make the girls feel at ease, especially those who are finding confinement difficult. She has a natural ability to know when to stand back or come forward in relation to the many difficult personalities with which she comes into contact. When she is visiting in the wing there is always a tremendous amount of laughter as she radiates so much joy through her friendship and humour.

Captain John Le Page M.B.E. - Chaplain

My role is to co-ordinate the ecumenical chaplaincy team and ensure that as far as is possible all of the wings are covered weekly by a member of the team.

We are fortunate in having a team which take their role seriously, even though at times it is difficult, with other commitments, holidays and through ill-health.

While we do our utmost to be supportive to the inmates, Mr. Wheeler and his staff, we are always conscious of the need to be, if possible, a personal help to those in need. To be conscious of the many complexities which inmates go through with the strain of coming to terms with their sentences, whether a few months or long years. The difficulties experienced by being separated from loved ones, especially if there are children involved, are incalculable. For many the fear of being "inside" can create unbearable tensions, as many prisoners find the trauma too difficult to cope with and become psychologically traumatised. This is where our team is so invaluable in helping the inmate to become acclimatised to what is to them an artificially created and hostile environment.

This is where our team-work is invaluable, as years of experience enables us to relieve some of their anxieties through a listening ear and hopefully many well-chosen words of wisdom.

In conclusion

Finally, it is equally important to report the lack of essential remedial help to so many inmates, who are struggling to come to terms with their complex problems, especially in the young offenders wing, where some can spend up to four years in confinement.

I believe that more educational courses, skills in developing their future potential and coming to terms with and understanding some of their complex problems are desperately needed. So many talk of their inadequacies, their lack of being able to cope, even with some of the most basic skills in life (some can barely read or write), which if they are to find any measure of coping in the future they will need help with while they are inside.

This problem also exists in the female wing where they have few opportunities to learn new skills.

I am sure that the lack of adequate training for many of these vulnerable people, who in some instances are very young, can cause them to re-offend. Investment in their future now can be more productive by improving their self-esteem and a feeling of adequacy rather than inadequacy.

As a chaplaincy team we are always appreciative of the way that Mr. Wheeler and his staff always make us feel welcome, and we know that the reason why La Moye is known for its care, particularly for the inmates, is the way in which they do so much to help the inmates in what is for them a difficult time in their lives.

CAPTAIN JOHN H. LE PAGE, C.A. MBE

Prison Chaplain.