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Inside every prison, immigration removal centre and some short term holding term holding facilities at airports, there is an Independent Monitoring Board (IMB). IMB members are independent and unpaid, their role is to monitor the day-to-day life in their local prison or removal centre and ensure that proper standards of care and decency are maintained.

Board members play an important role in dealing with problems inside the establishment. Problems might include concerns over lost property, visits from family and friends, special religious or cultural requirements, or even serious allegations such as bullying. If something serious happens at the establishment, such as a riot or a death in custody, representatives of the board may be called in to attend and observe the way in which the situation is handled.

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC)

HMIC independently assess police forces and policing across activity from neighbourhood teams to serious crime and the fight against terrorism – in the public interest. It monitors and reports on forces and policing activity with the aim of encouraging improvement. These reports are published publically and are designed to be accessible, measured, objective, statistically reliable and authoritative. It also provides high-quality professional advice to police – using experienced officers and other experts, such as lawyers and accountants to identify the 'best practice' which all forces can aspire to.

Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime

The Mayor has several key roles, most importantly, setting the strategic direction and accountability for policing, in consultation with the public and victims of crimes. The Mayor is responsible for the formal oversight of Scotland Yard including budget-setting, performance scrutiny and policy development.

Met Police Directorate of Professional Standards

The DPS is the Metropolitan Police Service Directorate is responsible for investigating complaints against the professional conduct of officers. It focuses on standards, and the enforcement of them. It has a wider duty than the issues of complaints and corruption and also oversees and that the highest standards are applied to internal processes and the obligations to treat staff fairly.