

UK NPM Reporting Dashboard Quarterly Analysis Q2 (July – September) 2025



At a Glance:

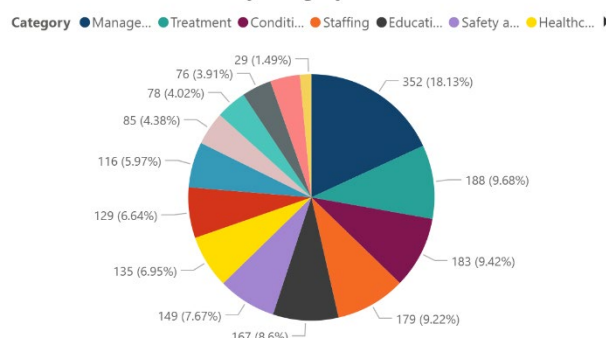
Total Records	Recommendations	Best Practices	Total Reports
1,194	888	306	99
Top tags		Top categories	
Governance		Management, Oversight and Procedures	
Staff training and oversight		Treatment	
Data recording		Conditions and Environment	

Overview

During Q2 of 2025, a total of 1,194 records, from 99 reports, were produced by UK NPM bodies. Of these records, 77% (888) were recommendations, and 23% (306) were examples of good practice.

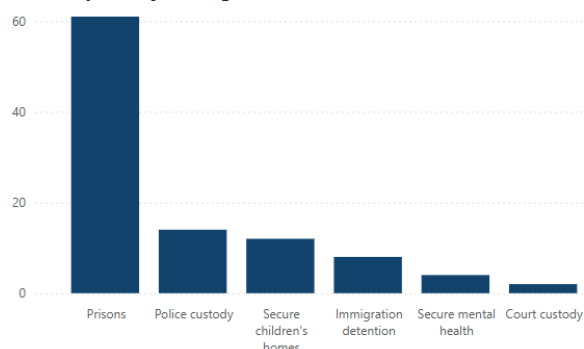
Top categories in recommendations this quarter were **management, oversight and procedures, conditions and environment** and **treatment**. Top categories in good practice were **education, social connection** and **management, oversight and procedures**.

Total Recommendations by Category



More specifically, top thematic tags in recommendations across all sectors were **governance**, **data recording** and **staff training and oversight**. The most commonly identified good practices related to **staff-detainee relationships**, **wellbeing support** and **staff training and oversight**.

Total Reports by Setting



Of the 99 reports published in this quarter, 57 were monitoring reports, 39 were inspection reports and 3 were thematic reports.

61 of the 99 reports were related to prisons, 14 to police custody, 12 to secure children's homes, 8 to immigration detention, 3 to secure mental health and 1 to court custody.

Prisons

During Q2, 41 monitoring and 17 inspection reports were published across the UK. The three thematic reports published this quarter also all relate to the prison estate. Key themes of concern emerging in Q2 related to **governance**, **case progression** and **regime suitability**, while key areas of good practice were seen in **wellbeing support**, **staff-detainee relationships** and **staff training and oversight**. The total number of recommendations made and good practices identified was 559 and 214, respectively. These records came out of reports across England, Wales and Scotland.

Immigration Detention

A total of eight reports on immigration detention were published, comprising four reports from inspections and four from monitoring visits. A total of 59 recommendations were made, and 11 examples of good practice were identified. Recommendations focused on issues of **governance**, **safeguarding** and **time in detention**, while good practice was found in **staff-detainee relationships**, **detainee access to information** and **connection to the outside world**. The inspection and monitoring visits reported on occurred in England and Northern Ireland.

Police Custody

Only 2 of the 14 police custody reports related to inspections, with the rest coming from annual monitoring visit reports and also the annual review of terrorism legislation by the IRTL. Areas of concern were **staffing levels**, **data recording** and **detainee access to information**, but **staff training and oversight**, **safeguarding** and **staff-detainee relationships** were recognised as positive areas of police custody. These records reflect findings in England, Scotland and Wales. Overall, 121 recommendations were made, and 42 good practices identified.

Court Custody

Only one inspection report of court custody facilities in England was published in the quarter, though this was an area mentioned in HMIP's Annual Report for 2024-25. The 11 recommendations for this setting centred around **dignity**, **disabilities** and **privacy**. There were only 3 areas of good practice identified, relating to a mix of **staff training and oversight**, **urgent and emergency care** and various themes relating to diversity, equality and inclusion.

Secure Children's Homes

The top concerning themes in the secure children's estate for the quarter were **governance**, **staff training and oversight** and **data recording**, while positives were found in **staff-detainee relationships**, **wellbeing support** and **case progression**. These records were all found in secure children's homes across England, and comprise of 118 recommendations and 27 examples of good practice.

Secure Mental Health

Of this quarter's three inspections of secure mental health facilities in Scotland and Wales, concerns were found in **case management**, **maintenance** and **data recording**. On the other hand, areas of good practice were identified in **staff-detainee relationships**, and interestingly, **case management** and **data recording** as well. This might indicate that these are areas that are especially scrutinised in this setting. 20 recommendations were made, and 9 examples of good practice identified.

Examples of Good Practice

Good Practice	Establishment
<p>The staff demonstrate a clear understanding of the importance of building positive relationships with children. This helps children to develop safe, trusting relationships with staff, which supports children's emotional security and well-being.</p>	<p>Aldine House Secure Centre</p>
<p>There is excellent work undertaken by the Employment Advisory Board, the prison employment lead and the industries and community engagement manager in securing and optimising a range of working ROTL opportunities.</p>	<p>HMP Downview</p>
<p>Excellent care has been recognised in terms of processing children. Custody staff ensure children are provided with an AA and assigned a named carer at the earliest opportunity, and that where possible they are either bailed or placed in alternative accommodation to avoid an overnight detention, in line with the Children's Concordat on children in custody.</p>	<p>Police Custody Establishments in Kent</p>
<p>[The] staff in Elder ward were winners of a regional service award for Team of the Year in 2024. As there is currently no high secure female service in Scotland, the team were recognised for providing individualised and innovative practice for women. The award pointed out the extensive work undertaken to adapt the ward environment, including the incorporation of a therapeutic garden that involved the individuals, who would be using this space, in the design of it.</p>	<p>Rowanbank Clinic</p>
<p>Experienced, compassionate and dedicated Care and Custody staff at Larne had created a culture strongly focused on detainee welfare. For example, they gave local prisons useful information for people who were due to be transferred to Larne, which informed and reassured the detainees. Larne staff also used interpretation more than at other sites, promoting good communication and support.</p>	<p>Larne House Short-Term Holding Facility</p>
<p>Safeguarding oversight was strong, with robust monitoring of referrals. The safeguarding lead brought extensive experience and knowledge, remained accessible to staff and provided effective support to custody staff.</p>	<p>Court Custody in Lincolnshire, Leicestershire & Rutland and Northamptonshire</p>

For more detailed analysis on good practice, please refer to the UK NPM's monthly thematic analysis of good practice.