



# Prison Act 1952

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## *Visiting committees and boards of visitors*

### 6 <sup>X1</sup>[<sup>F1</sup>Independent monitoring boards ] **E+W**

(1) <sup>F2</sup>.....

(2) The Secretary of State shall appoint for every prison . . . <sup>F3</sup> a [<sup>F4</sup>group of independent monitors][<sup>F5</sup>of whom not less than two shall be justices of the peace].

[<sup>F6</sup>(2A) The groups so appointed are to be known as independent monitoring boards.]

(3) Rules made as aforesaid shall prescribe the functions of . . . <sup>F3</sup>[<sup>F7</sup>independent monitoring boards ] and shall among other things require members to pay frequent visits to the prison and hear any complaints which may be made by the prisoners and report to the Secretary of State any matter which they consider it expedient to report; and any member of <sup>F3</sup>[<sup>F7</sup>an independent monitoring board] may at any time enter the prison and shall have free access to every part of it and to every prisoner.

(4) <sup>F2</sup>.....

#### **Editorial Information**

**X1** Unreliable marginal note

#### **Textual Amendments**

**F1** S. 6 sidenote substituted (1.11.2007) by [Offender Management Act 2007 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 26(2)(a)**, 41(1); [S.I. 2007/3001](#), art. 2(1)(g)(t)

**F2** S. 6(1)(4) repealed by [Courts Act 1971 \(c. 23\)](#), **Sch. 11 Pt. IV**

**F3** Words repealed by [Courts Act 1971 \(c. 23\)](#), s. 53(3), **Sch. 11 Pt. IV**

**F4** Words in s. 6(2) substituted (1.11.2007) by [Offender Management Act 2007 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 26(2)(b)**, 41(1); [S.I. 2007/3001](#), art. 2(1)(g)

**F5** Words in s. 6(2) cease to have effect (1.11.2007) by [Offender Management Act 2007 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 26(3)**, 41(1), **Sch. 5 Pt. 2**; [S.I. 2007/3001](#), art. 2(1)(g)(t)

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- F6** S. 6(2A) inserted (1.11.2007) by [Offender Management Act 2007 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 26(2)(c)**, 41(1); S.I. 2007/3001, art. 2(1)(g)
- F7** Words in s. 6(3) substituted (1.11.2007) by [Offender Management Act 2007 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 26(2)(d)**, 41(1); S.I. 2007/3001, art. 2(1)(g)

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 6(2) restricted (1.4.1999) by [S.I. 1999/728](#), **rule 75**

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 47(1A) inserted by [2012 c. 10 s. 129\(2\)](#)
- s. 47(1A) modified (temp.) by [2012 c. 10 s. 129\(10\)](#)
- s. 47(1A) modified (temp.) by [2012 c. 10 s. 129\(11\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 47(1A)(a) words inserted by [2015 c. 2 Sch. 9 para. 3\(3\)](#)
- s. 47(6) inserted by [2012 c. 10 s. 129\(3\)](#)
- s. 47A inserted by [2012 c. 10 s. 129\(4\)](#)
- s. 47A modified (temp.) by [2012 c. 10 s. 129\(11\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 55(4A) repealed by [2006 c. 13 s. 46\(2\)\(a\)Sch. 3](#)