



Ministry
of Justice

Prison Safety Programme

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Protecting and advancing the principles of justice

Safety in custody, main points

Self-inflicted deaths
(12 months to March 2018)

69



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Self-harm incidents
(12 months to December 2017)

44,651



11%

Assault incidents
(12 months to December 2017)

29,485



13%

Assaults on staff*
(12 months to December 2017)

8,429



23%

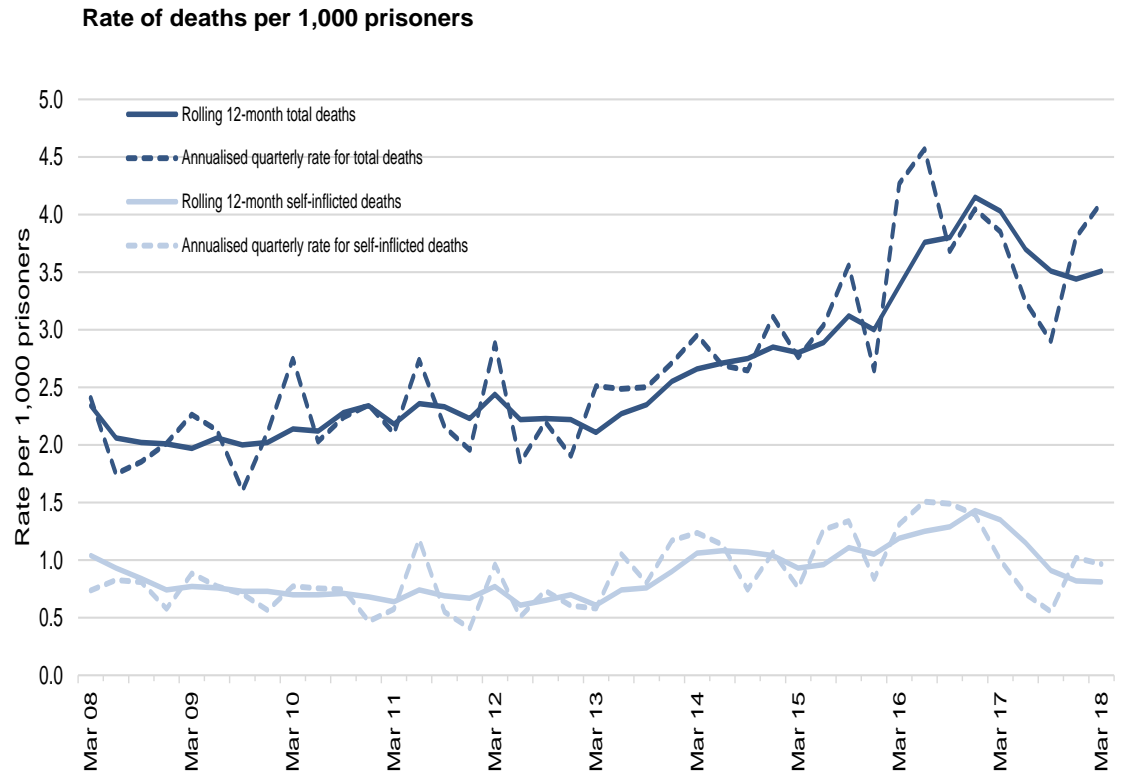
* Improvements were made to the recording of assaults on staff.

Total deaths and self-inflicted deaths have fallen

In the year to March 2018 there were:

- **299** deaths in prison custody, down 13% on the previous year.
- This includes **56 'awaiting further information'** deaths. This is a higher number of AFI deaths than in previous years, and all will subsequently be classified, resulting in the other categories below being revised upwards.
- **69 self-inflicted**, down from 115 (this includes 1 female, down from 10)
- **5 homicides**, up from 3
- **168 natural causes**, down from 204
- **1 other/non-natural**.

At **0.8 per 1,000 prisoners** the rate of self-inflicted deaths in the year to March 2018 is the lowest since the year to March 2013.

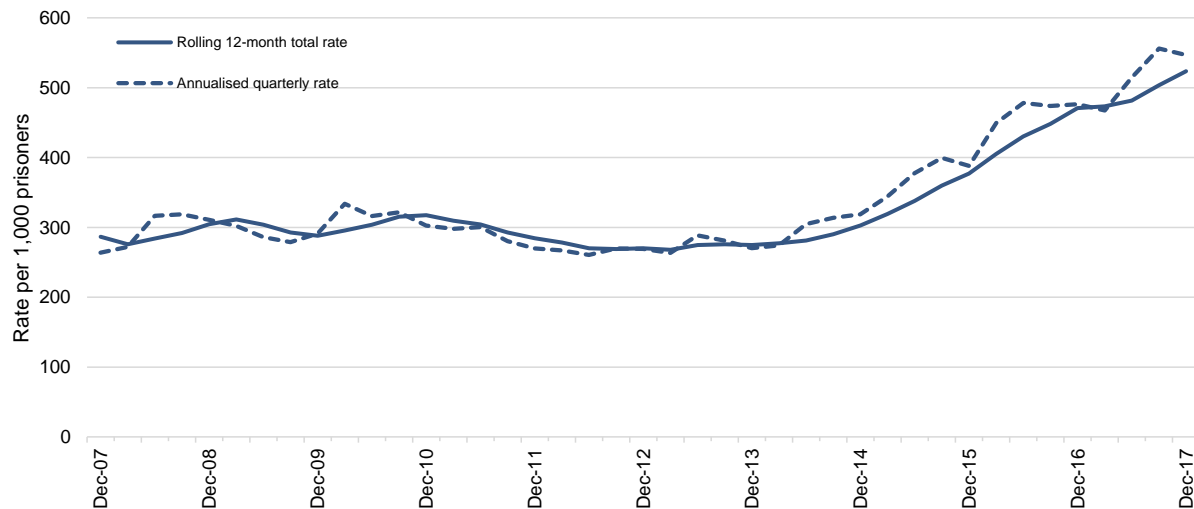


Self-harm incidents continue to rise, reaching record high

In the 12 months ending December 2017, there were:

- 44,651 incidents (521 incidents per 1,000 prisoners), up 11%
- 11,630 individuals (136 individuals per 1,000), up 6%
- Average 3.8 incidents per self-harming prisoner
- 3,067 hospital attendances, up 12%

Figure 2: Rate of self-harm incidents per 1,000 prisoners



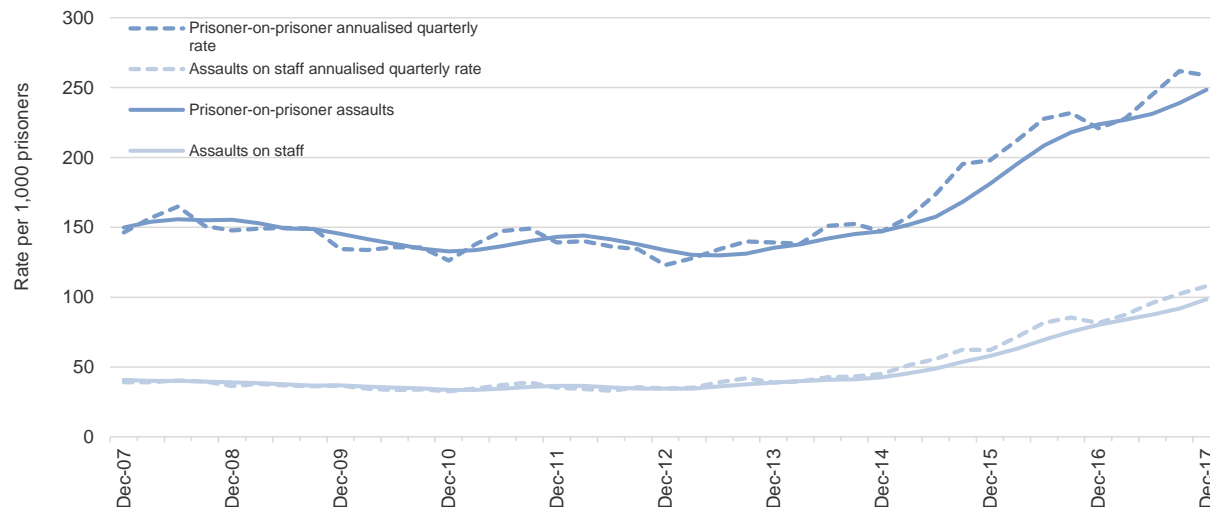
All types of assaults continue to rise, reaching record high

In the 12 months ending December 2017, there were:

- 21,270 prisoner-on-prisoner assaults (248 per 1,000 prisoners), up 11%
- 8,429 assaults on staff (98 per 1,000 staff), up 23%

Note: Improvements were made to the recording of assaults on staff.

Figure 5: Rate of prisoner on prisoner assaults and assaults on staff



HMPPS/MOJ: key actions during 2017-18

- Made better use of **data** to target improvements in establishments, including providing violence and self-harm diagnostic tools and analytical support
- Prioritised **safer custody training**, including introduction to suicide and self-harm prevention (reaching over 15,500 new and existing staff) and ACCT case management
- Implemented a rolling programme of new **operational assurance audits** to improve safety
- Bolstered **regional capability** to support and sustain improvements to safety at an establishment level
- Began the rollout of the **offender management** model, with the recruitment of additional staff to facilitate the introduction of the **key worker** role.

HMPPS/MOJ: Prison Safety Framework 2018-19 – the 5 Ps approach

National and local strategies based on the 5 Ps approach to prison safety.



HMPPS/MOJ: Prison Safety Framework 2018-19 – key themes

National work programme organised around seven themes.

We will make our prisons safer for staff and individuals in our care...	Fewer self-inflicted deaths	Fewer assaults on individuals within our care
	Reduced incidents of self-harm	Fewer assaults on staff
THEME 1: Establishment Support: support for prisons including those with particular safety challenges		
THEME 2: Offender Management in Custody (OMiC): Keyworker and Case Management Model		
THEME 3: Managing Prisoner Risks to Safety: Early days & transitions, information sharing & risk assessment including ACCT and CSIP		
THEME 4: Targeted Cohorts: gangs and harmful group behaviour; self isolation, segregation and vulnerable prisoners; individuals who prolifically self harm; and women.		
THEME 5: Debt (illicit economy): understanding the scale and nature, increasing individuals' resilience and enhancing prisons' approach to debt		
THEME 6: Staff Capability & Well-Being: to increase skills and confidence and ensure staff are supported		
ENABLING THEME: Rehabilitative Culture		