

## G4S wins 10-year contract to continue operating HMP and YOI Parc

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G4S has won a new 10-year contract to continue to operate HMP & YOI Parc in Bridgend, South Wales awarded by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ), following a competitive process.

One of the largest prisons in the UK, incorporating a separate Young Offenders Institution (YOI), G4S has managed the establishment for 25 years since it opened in 1997.

HMP & YOI Parc has won multiple awards and international recognition for its innovative programmes that have led to improved outcomes for prisoners. This includes Invisible Walls Wales, which encourages prisoners and their families to build stronger ties to help break the cycle of reoffending and to reduce intergenerational offending.

Janet Wallsgrove OBE, Director of HMP & YOI Parc since 2005, said:

“We are delighted to have won this new contract which will enable us to deliver high quality and innovative services to prisoners. Our primary role is to support public protection by preparing prisoners for release, and equipping them with skills to assist them in securing employment and training on release.

“I also want to pay tribute to our outstanding members of staff; working in prisons is a challenging and demanding job and they demonstrate incredible dedication and professionalism every day. Janet Wallsgrove, OBE, Director of HMP & YOI Parc HMP & YOI Parc offers a range of vocational and educational opportunities, from vocational workshops in bricklaying and carpentry to Open University degrees, and also helps prisoners to find employment on release.”

In January 2022 HMP Parc secured Advanced Autism Accreditation from the National Autism Society – the only UK prison to achieve this.

Gordon Brockington, Managing Director of G4S Care & Rehabilitation Services, said:

“I’m so proud that G4S has won this bid and will continue to deliver services at HMP & YOI Parc. Despite its size and complexity, the staff do a fantastic job with rehabilitation and resettlement at the centre of everything they do. Gordon Brockington, Managing Director, G4S Care & Rehabilitation Services HMP Parc received an impressive inspection report from Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Prisons (HMIP) in March 2020 and was found to be ‘fulfilling its core purposes and performing well’. Particular praise was given to the quality of relationships between staff and prisoners.”

Under HMIP’s ‘healthy prison assessment’, HMP Parc achieved the highest rating possible (4) for purposeful activity and rehabilitation and release respectively. The inspection report also singled out the Cynnwys Unit, a specialist wing for prisoners with learning difficulties who require assisted living, saying it “provided an excellent level of care and support”.