

## Citation

“The Northern Ireland Prison Service (NIPS) has a long-standing history of dedicated service and sacrifice, playing a vital role in upholding law and order across the region. As an integral part of the criminal justice system, NIPS has consistently demonstrated professionalism, resilience, and commitment in maintaining public safety and facilitating the rehabilitation of those in custody. 251105 | Commemoration and Celebration SC | Freedom of the Borough Events Magilligan Prison, located in the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough, is one of Northern Ireland’s key custodial facilities. Over the years, it has provided vital employment opportunities to the local community, contributing significantly to the region’s social and economic fabric. The prison’s staff, past and present, have shown unwavering dedication, working in often challenging circumstances to ensure the security of the institution while fostering an environment that supports personal growth and rehabilitation for those incarcerated. The service has faced significant challenges throughout its history, particularly during periods of a terrorism campaign in Northern Ireland. NIPS personnel have often put themselves in harm’s way, demonstrating exceptional courage and sacrifice to uphold justice and safeguard the community. Their work, both inside and beyond the prison walls, has been instrumental in maintaining order and supporting peacebuilding efforts across Northern Ireland. Magilligan Prison also exemplifies the broader mission of NIPS, balancing security with humanity and fairness. Through educational programs, vocational training, and other rehabilitative initiatives, the prison plays a critical role in helping individuals reintegrate into society as law-abiding citizens. The Northern Ireland Prison Service’s legacy of service, sacrifice, and commitment to justice is a testament to the men and women who have served within its ranks. Their enduring contributions to the rule of law and community safety continue to be deeply valued by society.”