



National Offender  
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Ratings 2015/16

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## Introduction

The National Offender Management Service (NOMS) is responsible for agreeing and publishing annual performance ratings for each prison in England and Wales. The publication of prison ratings is designed to ensure transparency of the final performance assessments, with ratification from the NOMS Agency Board and independent assurance provided by the NOMS Non-Executive Directors.

Several new outcome-based measures are currently under development for inclusion within the performance monitoring framework from 2017/18 onwards. This will allow direct assessment of prisons based upon the outcomes they achieve for offenders that are directly linked to the key objective of reducing reoffending.

## Understanding the ratings

NOMS produces data driven assessments of performance for prison providers using an assessment framework that has been agreed by the NOMS Agency Board, including Non-Executive Directors. For both public and private prisons this is the Prison Rating System (PRS) which assesses 118 prisons (including 15 contracted prisons) by looking at performance in 31 indicators.

Owing to changes in the assessment methodology and the indicators used in the ratings system for 2015/16, as well as wider factors such as prison closure, the ratings are not wholly comparable to those achieved in 2014/15. The requirements for achieving level 3 and 4 have also changed this year with the removal, in April 2015, of three high-performing resettlement outcome based indicators of education, employment and accommodation on release from prison. This was because of Through the Gate resettlement responsibilities moving to the National Probation Service and Community Rehabilitation Companies from April 2015 onwards.

Performance is shown in the four domains: Public Protection, Reducing Reoffending, Decency and Resource Management and Operational Effectiveness.

Overall performance is graded into one of four bands. These bands are 4: Exceptional performance, 3: Meeting majority of targets, 2: Overall performance is of concern, and 1: Overall performance is of serious concern.

There is then opportunity for the ratings to be considered for moderation. A moderation proposal may be submitted by a provider or by the NOMS Agency as the commissioning and contracting authority with a request to adjust the data-driven performance rating on the basis of additional non-data-driven evidence. Establishments for which a moderation proposal resulted in an overall band change are marked with an asterisk (\*) in the table below.



# Annual performance ratings

**Key:** Rating 4 = Exceptional performance  
 Rating 3 = Meeting the majority of targets  
 Rating 2 = Overall performance is of concern  
 Rating 1 = Overall performance is of serious concern

Altcourse	3	Grendon / Spring Hill	3	Oakwood	3
Ashfield	3	Guys Marsh	2	Onley	3
Askham Grange	4	Hatfield	4	Parc	3
Aylesbury	3	Haverigg	3	Pentonville	2
Bedford	3	Hewell*	1	Peterborough Female	3
Belmarsh	3	High Down	3	Peterborough Male	3
Birmingham	3	Highpoint	3	Portland	3
Brinsford	3	Hindley	3	Preston	2
Bristol	1	Hollesley Bay	4	Ranby	2
Brixton	2	Holloway	3	Risley	3
Bronzeield	3	Holme House	3	Rochester	2
Buckley Hall	3	Hull	3	Rye Hill	3
Bullingdon	2	Humber	3	Send	3
Bure	3	Huntercombe	3	Stafford	3
Cardiff	2	Isis*	1	Standford Hill	4
Channings Wood	3	Isle of Wight	3	Stocken	3
Chelmsford	3	Kennet	3	Stoke Heath	3
Coldingley	3	Kirkham	3	Styal	3
Cookham Wood	2	Kirklevington Grange	4	Sudbury	3
Dartmoor	3	Lancaster Farms	3	Swaleside	2
Deerbolt	3	Leeds	2	Swansea	2
Doncaster*	1	Leicester	2	Swinfen Hall	2
Dovegate*	2	Lewes	3	Thameside	3
Drake Hall	3	Leyhill	3	Thorn Cross	3
Durham	3	Lincoln	3	Usk / Prescoed	3
East Sutton Park	3	Lindholme	2	Wakefield	3
Eastwood Park	3	Littlehey	3	Wandsworth	2
Elmley	2	Liverpool*	1	Warren Hill	4
Erlestoke	3	Long Lartin	3	Wayland	3
Exeter	3	Low Newton	3	Wealstun	3
Featherstone*	2	Lowdham Grange	3	Werrington	3
Feltham	3	Maidstone	2	Wetherby*	2
Ford	3	Manchester	3	Whatton*	4
Forest Bank	3	Moorland	3	Whitemoor	3
Foston Hall	3	Mount	3	Winchester	2
Frankland	3	New Hall	3	Woodhill	3
Full Sutton	4	North Sea Camp	3	Wormwood Scrubs	1
Garth	2	Northumberland	2	Wymott	3
Gartree	3	Norwich	3		
Glen Parva	3	Nottingham	2		

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