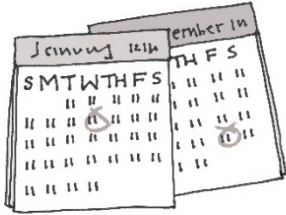
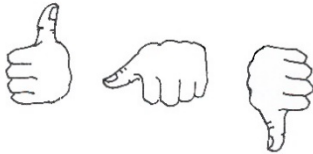




Inspection of HMP High Down



Inspectors visited this prison in July and August 2023.



We wanted to find out if things were better, the same or worse for prisoners since we last visited in 2018.



We did this by:

- looking around the prison
- asking prisoners and staff to fill in a questionnaire
- speaking to prisoners
- speaking to staff and helpers
- reading documents.

What did we find?



Prisoners were not kept safe enough.
We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners were treated quite well.
We gave the prison 3 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners did not have enough time out of their cells or things to do.
We gave the prison 1 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners did not have enough help to get ready for their release from prison.
We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.

What should the prison do?



We want the governor to read our inspection report. You can find the report in the prison library.

We want the governor to make a plan. The plan should tell us how they will fix the problems at HMP High Down and make things better for prisoners.

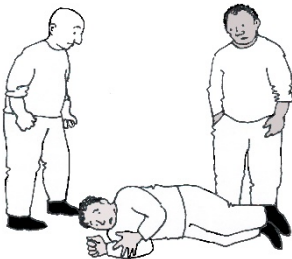
What do we want to happen?



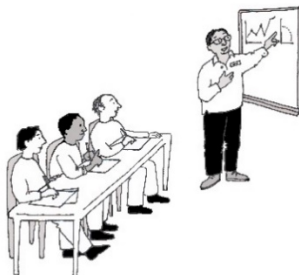
We want prisoners with mental health problems to get help more quickly. We want prisoners who might hurt themselves to get better care.



We want the prison to do more to stop banned drugs from getting in.



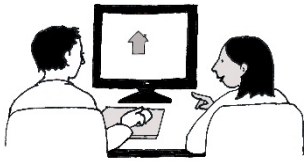
We want the prison to do more to stop bullying and violence. We want prisoners to feel safer.



We want prisoners to go to education and work. We want the prison to make sure teaching and learning are good.



We want prisoners to get more key work.
We want staff to do more to help to
prisoners to behave well.



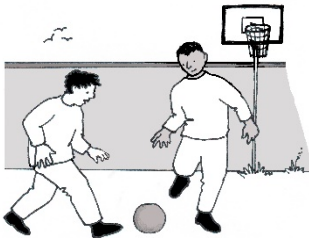
We want prisoners to get more help to
get ready for release from prison.



We want prisoners to be able to see a
dentist when they need to.



We want prisoners to go to health care
appointments. We want staff to make
sure medicine is given out safely.

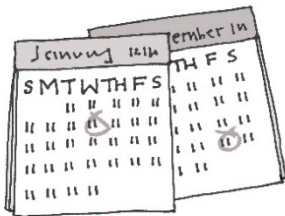


We want prisoners to get more time out
of their cells for things like exercise and
talking to each other.

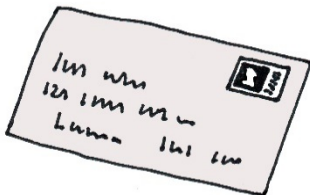


We want prisoners who don't speak English very well to get more help.

What will we do?



We will come back in a few years to check how well the prison is doing. We will write a report to tell people what we find.



If you have any questions, please write to us:

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