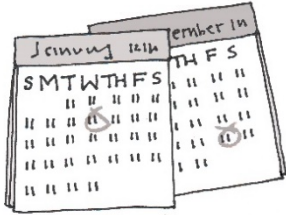




Inspection of HMP Dovegate



Inspectors visited this prison in September and October 2023.



We wanted to find out if things were better, the same or worse for prisoners since we last visited in 2018 and 2019.



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 felt quite safe.

We gave the prison 3 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners were treated well by staff but some cells were in bad condition.

We gave the prison 3 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners did not have enough to do. Teaching wasn't good enough.

We gave the prison 1 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners had quite good help to get ready to leave prison.

We gave the prison 3 out of 4 for this.

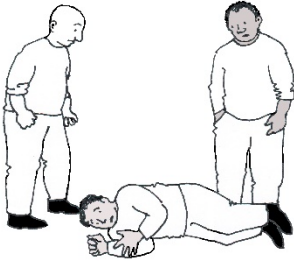
What should the prison do?



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 Dovegate and make things better for prisoners.

What do we want to happen?



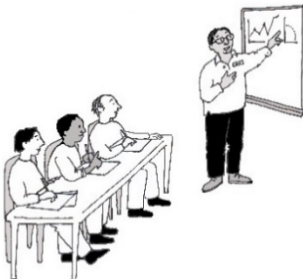
We want the prison to do more to stop prisoners fighting and using drugs.



We want prisoners who have just arrived at Dovegate to get better help with alcohol and drug problems.



We want prisoners with mental health problems to get to hospital more quickly.



We want all prisoners to go to education and work and have more choice about what they learn. We want teaching to be better.



We want the prison to find out more about what prisoners need, so they can make things better for prisoners.



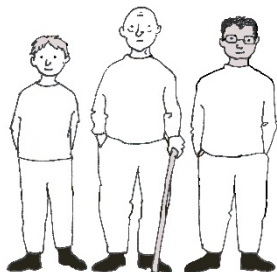
We want broken windows in cells to be repaired.



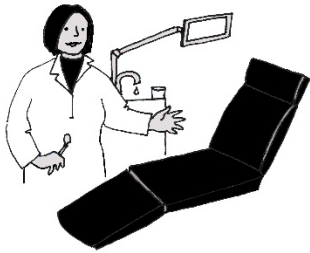
We want prisoners to get their stored property more quickly.



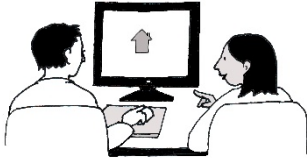
We want prisoners to be able to cook for themselves and make their own meals.



We want prisoners with disabilities to get better help.

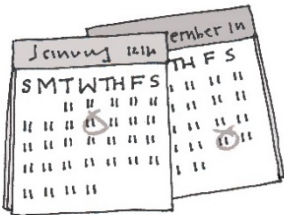


We want prisoners to be able to see the dentist more quickly.

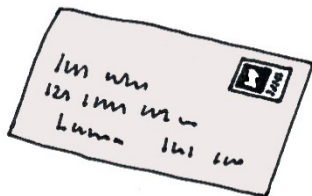


We want prisoners to get more help with finding a job and somewhere to live when they leave HMP Dovegate.

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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