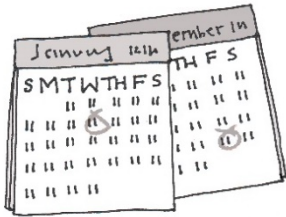




# Inspection of HMP Lewes



Inspectors visited this prison in February 2024.



We wanted to find out if things were better, the same or worse for prisoners since we last visited in 2023.



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?



**There were too many drugs and fights. The prison was starting to do more to stop prisoners harming themselves.**

We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.



**Prisoners did not always get good support from staff. The prison needed lots of repairs.**

We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.



**Prisoners did not get enough time out of their cells. Teaching was not good enough.**

We gave the prison 1 out of 4 for this.



**Prisoners needed more help to get ready to leave the prison.**

We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.

## What should the prison do?



We know that the governor and his team want to make things better for prisoners.

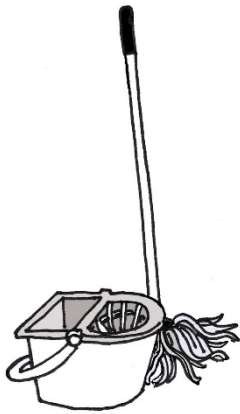
We want the governor to read our inspection report. You can find the report in the prison library.

We want the governor and his team to make a plan. The plan should tell us how they will fix the problems at HMP Lewes.

# What do we want to happen?



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



We want the prison to be cleaner. We want broken things to be fixed, like the heating and hot water.



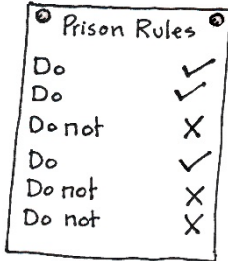
We want prisoners to have more time out of their cells. We want them to be able to go to education and work.



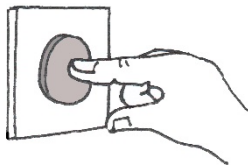
We want all prisoners to get help before they leave the prison, with things like finding somewhere to live.



We want prisoners to get more support when they first arrive at HMP Lewes.



We want prisoners to get more rewards for following the rules and behaving well.



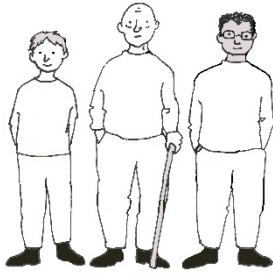
We want prisoners with mental health problems to get more support. We want cell bells to be answered quickly.



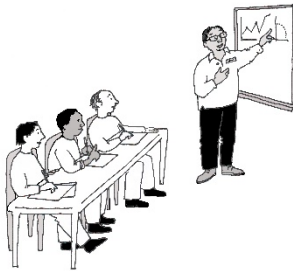
We want prisoners to be able to talk to their key worker or named officer more often.



We want prisoners to get a reply when they use a form to ask for something.

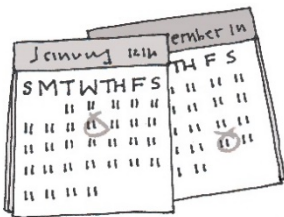


We want the prison to make sure all prisoners are treated fairly.

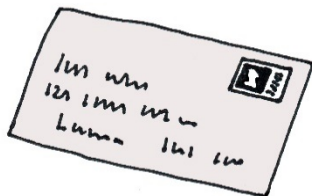


We want teaching to be better. We want prisoners to get more advice to help them get a job when they leave prison.

## 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.



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