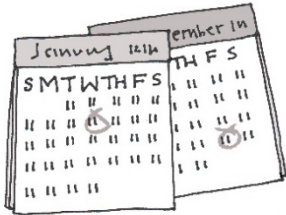




# Inspection of HMP Oakwood



Inspectors visited this prison in April 2024.



We wanted to find out if things were better, the same or worse for prisoners since we last visited in 2021.



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 safe.**

We gave the prison 4 out of 4 for this.



**Prisoners were treated well by staff. The prison was clean and tidy, but too many men shared crowded cells.**

We gave the prison 4 out of 4 for this.



**Prisoners got more time out of their cells than in other jails. Most prisoners could go to education or work.**

We gave the prison 4 out of 4 for this.



**Prisoners got some good help to get ready to leave the prison. Too many men did not have a home to go to when they left the prison.**

We gave the prison 3 out of 4 for this.

## What should the prison do?



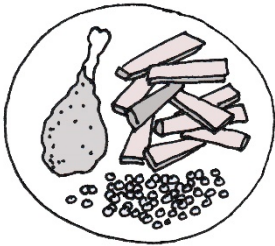
We want the director to read our inspection report. You can find the report in the prison library.

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

# What do we want to happen?



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



We want prisoners to get more food at mealtimes. We want the food to be better.



We want prisoners with mental health problems and complex needs to get the right therapy and treatment.



We want the offender management unit to have more staff, so it can give better support to prisoners.



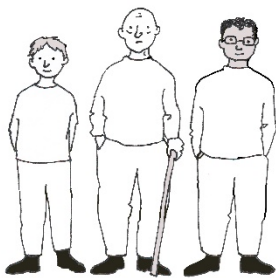
We want prisoners to have somewhere to live when they leave the prison.



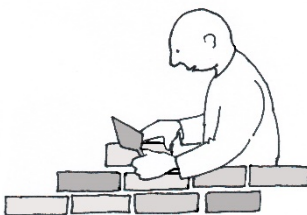
We want the prison to show it has only used force when it really needs to.



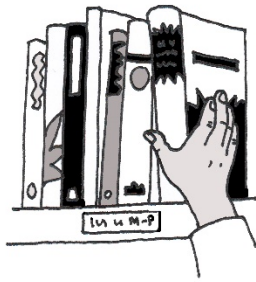
We want prisoners to live in cells with more space.



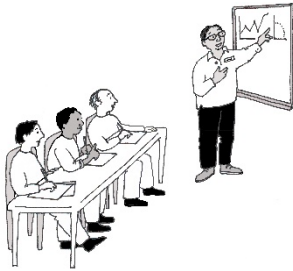
We want the prison to talk to prisoners and make sure everyone is treated fairly.



We want prisoners in workshops to be able to get more skills.

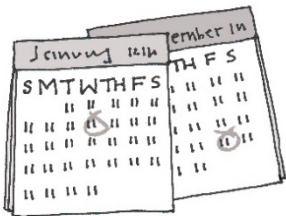


We want more prisoners to be helped with their reading.

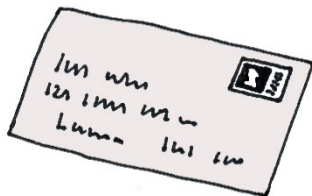


We want prisoners to get information about education and training on time.

## 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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