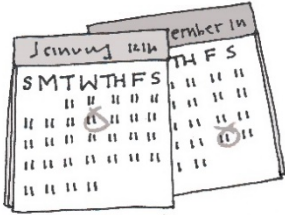
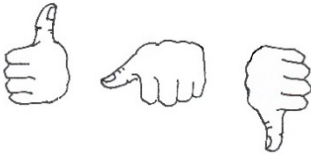




# Inspection of HMP Durham



Inspectors visited this prison in April and May 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 did not feel safe enough. There were too many drugs and too much violence. Too many prisoners were harming themselves.**

We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.



**The prison was overcrowded and cells were very cramped.**

We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.



**Prisoners did not get enough time out of their cells. There was not enough for prisoners to do. A lot of prisoners didn't go to education.**

We gave the prison 1 out of 4 for this.



**There was quite good help for prisoners to get ready to leave Durham, but too many left without anywhere to live.**

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 Durham and make things better for prisoners.

# What do we want to happen?



We want prisoners who arrive late in the evening to be able to speak to staff about their health care and mental health needs.



We want the prison to do more to stop prisoners getting drugs and other banned things.



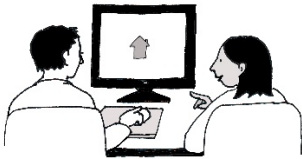
We want the prison to be less crowded.  
We want cells to have more space.



We want prisoners to have more time out of their cells.



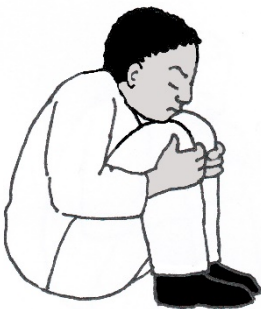
We want prisoners to be able to learn new skills, to help them get a job when they leave the prison.



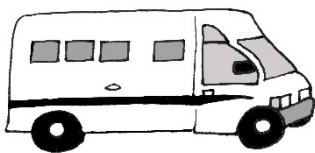
We want staff to make sure prisoners have somewhere to live when they leave the prison.



We want staff to only use PAVA spray when they really need to.



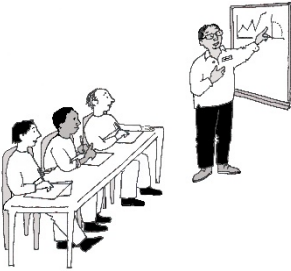
We want the prison to do more to stop prisoners getting frustrated and harming themselves.



We want mentally ill prisoners to be moved to secure hospitals quickly.

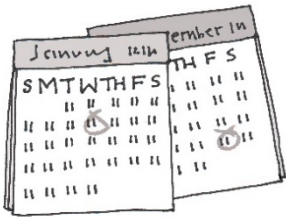


We want prisoners to have more to do, like hobbies they enjoy.



We want prisoners to be paid fairly for going to education.

## 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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