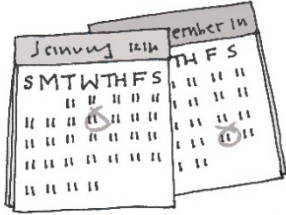




Inspection of HMP/YOI Erlestoke



Inspectors visited this prison in June 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 was too much violence and too many prisoners were harming themselves.

We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners did not get enough support from staff.

We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners did not get enough time out of their cells, and they did not have enough to do. Teaching was not good enough.

We gave the prison 1 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners got quite good help to get ready to leave the prison.

We gave the prison 3 out of 4 for this.

What should the prison do?



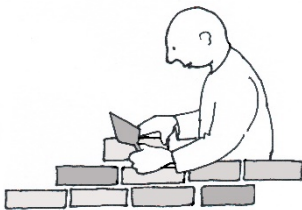
We want the governor to read our inspection report. You can find the report in the prison library.

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

What do we want to happen?



We want the prison to do more to stop drugs getting in, and to stop prisoners getting drugs they shouldn't have.



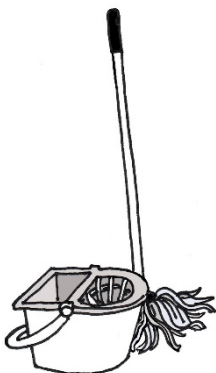
We want all prisoners to be able to go to education or work. We want them to do courses and learn skills that will help them.



We want staff to only use force on prisoners, or put them in unfurnished cells, when they really need to.



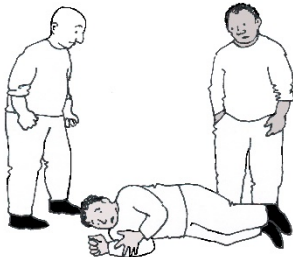
We want the prison to manage health care better. We want medicine to be given out safely. We want prisoners to be able to make health care complaints in private.



We want the prison to be clean. We want prisoners to be able to clean their cells.



We want prisoners on the induction unit to get more time out of their cells. We want them to be able to get shop orders more quickly.



We want the prison to sort out the problems with violence.



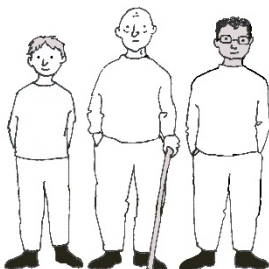
We want prisoners who might harm themselves to get more support.



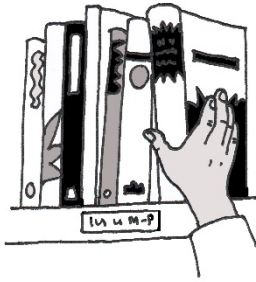
We want prisoners to be able to see a named officer or key worker more often.



We want prisoners to get more to eat.



We want ethnic minority prisoners to be treated fairly.

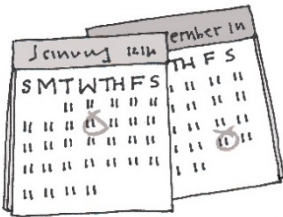


We want prisoners to get more support with reading.

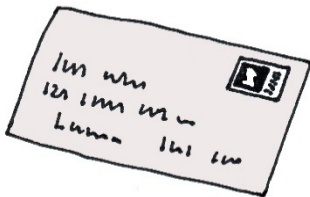


When prisoners first arrive, we want them to get more information about what they should do while they are in prison. We want them to have more help to get ready to leave Erlestoke.

What will we do?



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



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