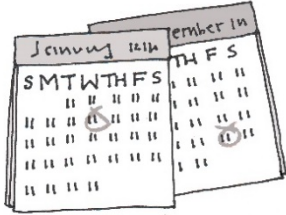
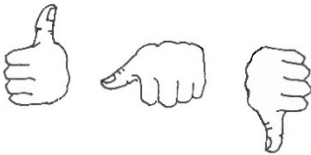




# Inspection of HMP Belmarsh



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 felt quite safe.**

We gave the prison 3 out of 4 for this.



**Prisoners got quite good support from staff.**

We gave the prison 3 out of 4 for this.



**Prisoners got very little time out of their cells.**

**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?



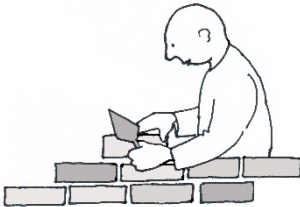
We want the governor to read our inspection report. You can find the report in the prison library.

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

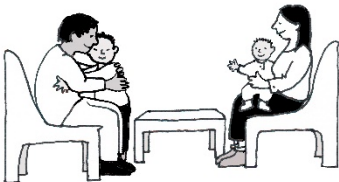
# What do we want to happen?



We want prisoners to get more care and support when they first arrive at Belmarsh.



We want all prisoners to be able to go to education or work. We want them to get to education and work on time.



We want prisoners to get the right number of visits from their family and friends. We want them to be able to have video calls with family and friends and to make longer telephone calls.



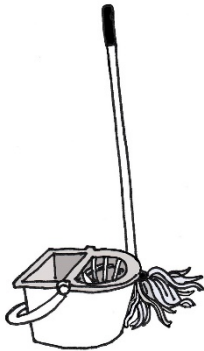
We want prisoners on remand to get more support when they first arrive at Belmarsh, with things like making sure the people they look after are ok while they are in prison.



We want prisoners on remand to get better support before they leave Belmarsh. We want them to be able to do special courses that will help them.



We want prisoners who might harm themselves to get better care.



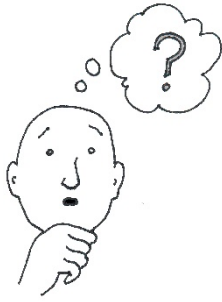
We want the inside of the prison to be clean. We want cells to have basic things like chairs and bedding.



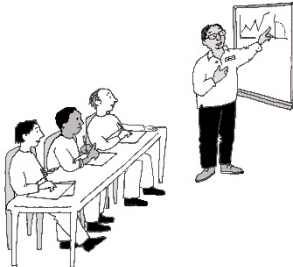
We want the outside of the prison to be clean and tidy. We want problems with litter to be sorted out.



We want prisoners who need health care to have proper plans. We want category A prisoners to get health care on time.



We want prisoners to have information and advice to help them get a job when they leave prison.

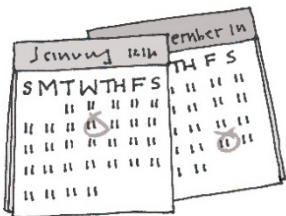


We want education to be better. We want more prisoners to get qualifications.

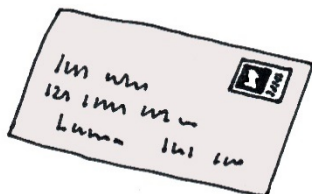


We want the prison to do more to make sure prisoners have somewhere to live when they leave Belmarsh.

## 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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