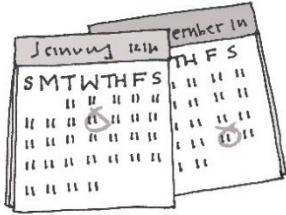
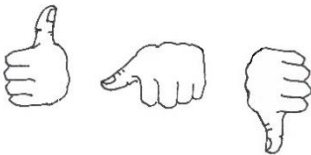




Inspection of HMP Garth



Inspectors visited this prison in July and August 2024.



We wanted to find out if things were better, the same or worse for prisoners since we last visited in 2022.



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. There were too many drugs and too much violence.

We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners did not get enough support from staff. The prison was dirty, and roofs and floors needed to be repaired.

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 got quite good support to get ready to leave prison. They were able to speak to their families and have visits.

We gave the prison 3 out of 4 for this.

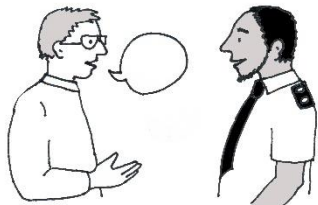
What should the prison do?



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 Garth and make things better for prisoners.

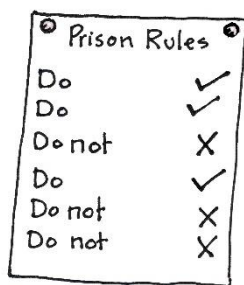
What do we want to happen?



We want the prison to make sure more staff are on the wings. We want staff to have more time to get to know prisoners.



We want prisoners to feel safe. We want the prison to sort out the problems with drugs and violence.



We want prisoners to be rewarded if they behave well. We want staff to do more to stop prisoners behaving badly.



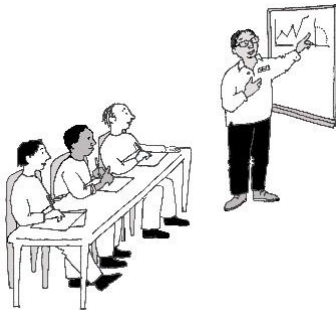
We want prisoners who feel unsafe or who harm themselves to get better support. We want them to have more time outside and more to do.



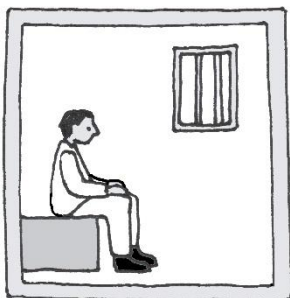
We want leaking roofs and peeling floors to be repaired. We want prisoners to have cleaning products to keep their cells and wings clean.



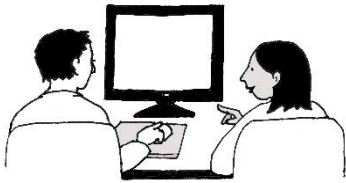
We want prisoners to be able to go to health appointments. We want staff to make sure medicine queues are safe.



We want all prisoners to be able to go to education, training or work. We want teaching to give prisoners the skills they need.



We want new prisoners to get better support from staff. We want the cells prisoners spend their first night in to be clean and tidy.

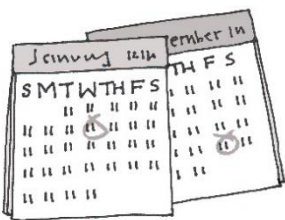


We want prisoners to see their prison offender manager more often. We want there to be more key work sessions.



We want prisoners to get more help with education and job choices.

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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