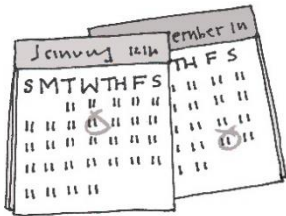
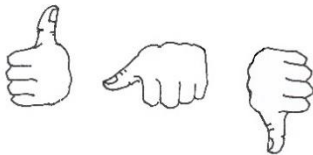




Inspection of HMP Kirkham



Inspectors visited this prison in September 2024.



We wanted to find out if things were better, the same or worse for prisoners since we last visited in 2018.



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. There were too many drugs in the prison.

We gave the prison 3 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners did not get good support from staff. The prison needed lots of repairs.

We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners did not have enough to do. Too few prisoners were using the gym or football pitch. Education was quite good.

We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.



Far too few prisoners could leave the prison for work or to have home visits. It took too long for prisoners to get approval for temporary release.

We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.

What should the prison do?



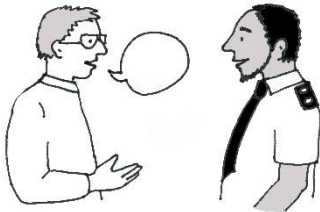
We want the governor to read our inspection report. You can find the report in the prison library.

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

What do we want to happen?



We want the prison to sort out the problem with drugs.



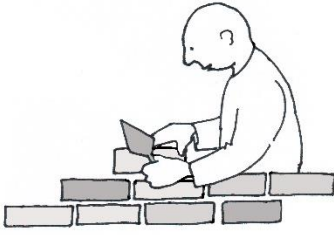
We want prison officers to see and speak to prisoners more often. We want them to help prisoners and be polite to them.



We want billets to be repaired. We want mould to be sorted out and showers to be fixed.



We want prisoners to have more to do. We want them to use the gym more often.



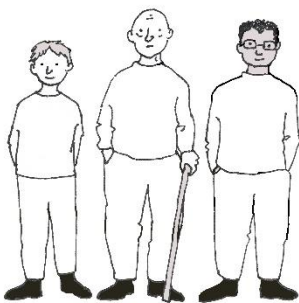
We want more prisoners to be able to leave the prison to work or go to education.



We want the prison to be quicker at approving ROTL.



We want prisoners to have telephones in their rooms.



We want all prisoners to be treated fairly.

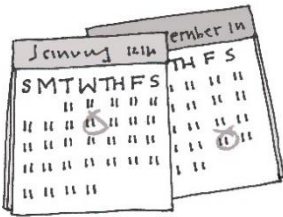


We want there to be enough staff to take prisoners to their hospital appointments.



We want the prison to make sure there are plans to protect the public when high risk prisoners leave the jail.

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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