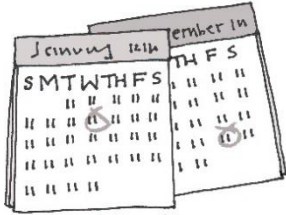
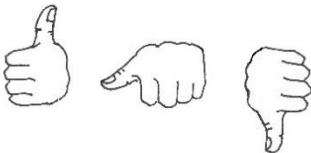




# Inspection of HMP Winchester



Inspectors visited this prison in October 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. Too many prisoners were harming themselves.**

We gave the prison 1 out of 4 for this.



**Prisoners needed more help from staff. Most cells had broken furniture. Many cells were damp and mouldy. The prison was filthy.**

We gave the prison 1 out of 4 for this.



**Prisoners did not get enough time out of their cells. Lots of prisoners couldn't go to education, work, the gym or the library.**

We gave the prison 1 out of 4 for this.



**Most prisoners got good help to get ready to leave the prison. Some prisoners could not phone their family.**

We gave the prison 3 out of 4 for this.

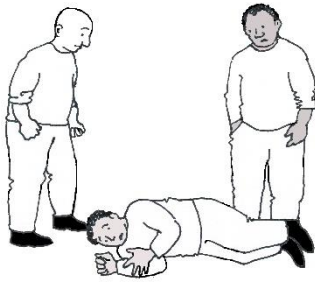
## What should the prison do?



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 Winchester and make things better for prisoners.

# What do we want to happen?



We want prisoners to feel safe. We want there to be less violence and bullying.



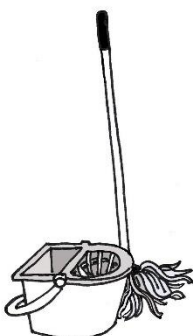
We want the prison to do more to stop drugs getting in.



We want the prison to do more to stop prisoners from harming themselves. We want prisoners with mental health problems to get more support.



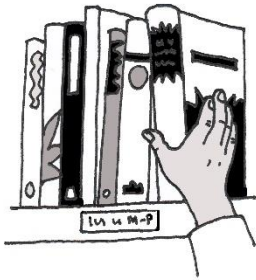
We want prison staff to have more training so they can help prisoners. We want them to help prisoners sort out basic problems.



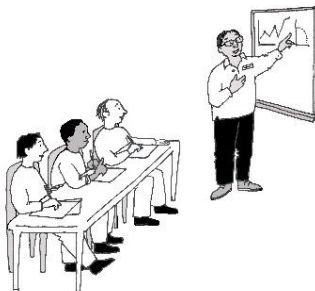
We want the prison to be clean. We want problems with damp and mould to be fixed. We want broken things to be repaired.



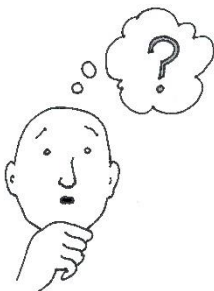
We want prisoners to be able to phone their families. We want the prison to fix broken phones and sort out prisoners' phone numbers more quickly.



We want prisoners to get more time out of their cells. We want them to be able to speak to an officer who knows them more often. We want them to be able to go to the gym, the library and social activities.



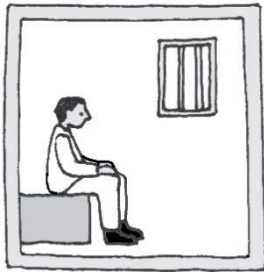
We want all prisoners to go to education and work. We want them to learn useful skills. We want prisoners with extra learning needs to get better help.



We want prisoners who have just arrived at the jail to get the information they need. We want first night cells to be better.



We want prison officers to only use force on prisoners when they really need to.

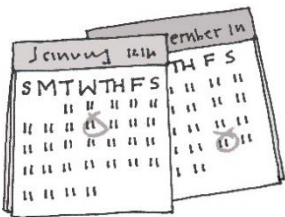


We want segregation unit cells to have electricity and basic furniture.



We want prisoners to get health care in safe, clean spaces.

## 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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