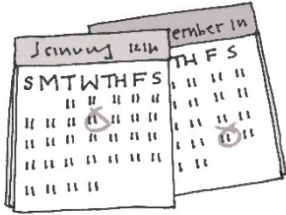
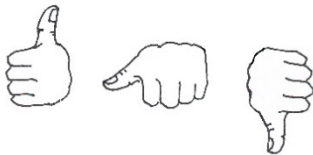




Inspection of HMP Stafford



Inspectors visited this prison in November and December 2024.



We wanted to find out if things were better, the same or worse for prisoners since we last visited in 2020.



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 safe.

We gave the prison 4 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners got good support from staff. The prison was clean and tidy.

We gave the prison 4 out of 4 for this.



Most prisoners got plenty of time out of their cells. Lots of prisoners went to education but workshops were not good enough.

We gave the prison 3 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners got quite good help to do their best in prison and get ready for their release.

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 Stafford and make things better for prisoners.

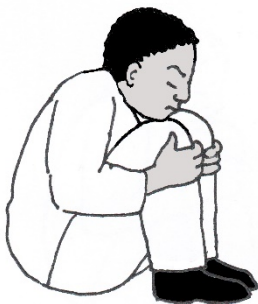
What do we want to happen?



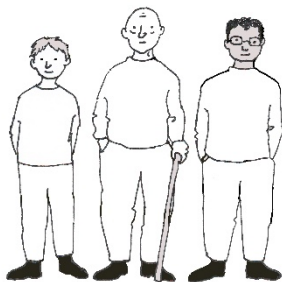
We want staff to have more training in looking after sexual offenders. We want them to help prisoners change their behaviour.



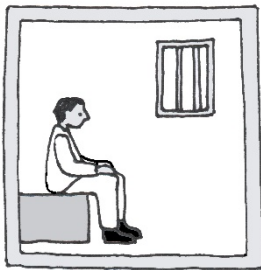
We want there to be a better choice of work. We want prisoners to learn skills that will help them when they are released.



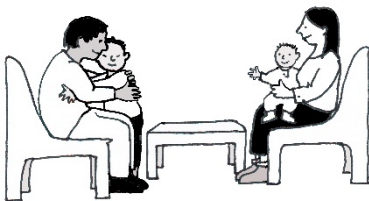
We want prisoners with mental health problems to get help more quickly.



We want all prisoners to be treated fairly.



We want retired prisoners to get more time out of their cells.

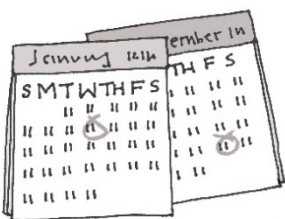


We want prisoners to be able to have visits from their family and friends.



We want staff to do more to make sure everyone is safe. We want them to listen to prisoners' phone calls if they need to.

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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