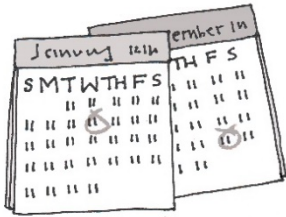




Inspection of HMP Birmingham



Inspectors visited this prison in January and February 2023.



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 were kept fairly safe.

We gave the prison 3 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners were treated fairly respectfully.

We gave the prison 3 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners had very little to do.

We gave the prison 1 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners did not have enough help to plan for release.

We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.

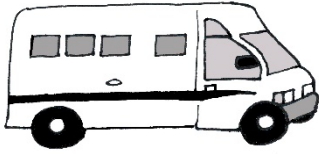
What should the prison do?



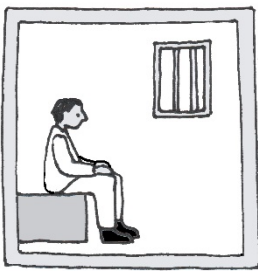
We want the governor to read our inspection report. You can find the report in the prison library.

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

What do we want to happen?



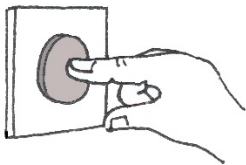
We want prisoners to get more help when they arrive at the prison.



We want prisoners to have more time out of their cells.



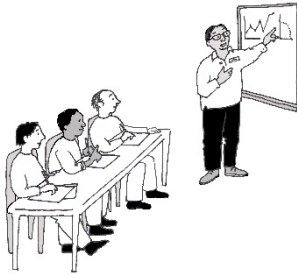
We want prisoners to feel safer.



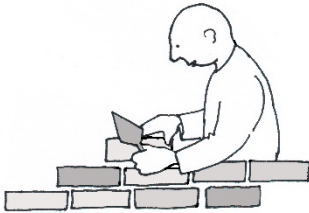
We want cell bells to be answered more quickly.



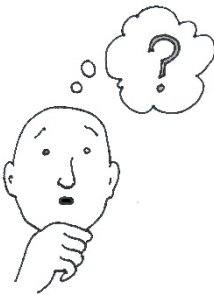
We want prisoners to have more support from their key worker.



We want prisoners to be told more about what they can do and what they can learn in the prison.



We want more prisoners to get to classes and work. We want there to be more choice of workshops and better training.



We want the prison to do more to help prisoners who don't speak English.

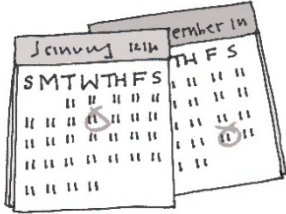


We want there to be more nurses. We want medicine to be given out safely.



We want prisoners to get more help to plan for release.

What will we do?



We will come back in two or three 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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