



Young Offender Institution survey methodology

A confidential survey of children is carried out by HMI Prisons researchers at each young offender institutions (YOI) on an annual basis.

HMI Prisons researchers developed a short self-completion questionnaire in October 2020 to support the scrutiny visit methodology. The questionnaire is offered to every child resident in the establishment on the day of the survey. The questionnaire consists of structured questions covering key issues relating to the child's experience during the outbreak of COVID-19, together with demographic and background questions which enable us to compare responses from different sub-groups of the YOI population. There is also an open question after the questions relating to safety and at the end of the questionnaire which allows children to expand on any of their responses. All written comments are typed up and provided to the inspection team.

Distributing and collecting questionnaires

HMI Prisons researchers distribute and collect the questionnaires in person. So that children can give their informed consent to participate, the purpose of the survey and the inspection is explained (please read more about the ethical principles which underpin our survey methodology on our website: <https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmiprison/about-our-inspections/research/ethical-principles-for-research/>). We make clear that the questionnaire can also be administered via a face-to-face interview for those who have literacy difficulties and via a telephone translation service for those with limited English.

Children are made aware that participation in the survey is voluntary. We also explain that while they do not need to put their name on the questionnaire, individual respondents can be identified via a numbering system which is only accessible to the inspection team. This is so that any child protection and safeguarding concerns can be followed up (see section below for further information).

Children who agree to participate in the survey are provided with a sealable envelope for their completed questionnaire, which will later be collected by researchers.

Child protection and safeguarding

All completed questionnaires are checked by researchers for potential child protection and safeguarding issues on the day of the survey. Any concerns are followed up by inspectors and passed on to establishment staff if necessary.

Survey response

At the time of the survey on 20 April 2021 the population at HMYOI Parc was 23. Using the approach described above, questionnaires were distributed to 23 children.

We received a total of 18 completed questionnaires, a response rate of 78%. Five young people declined to participate in the survey.

YOI survey results and analyses

Over the following pages we present the full survey results followed by numerous comparative analyses for HMYOI Parc. For the comparator analyses, where relevant, each question was reformulated using the Chi-square test (or Fisher's exact test if there are fewer than five expected counts in a cell) into a binary 'yes/no' format and affirmative responses compared. Missing responses have been excluded from all analyses and for some questions, responses from a sub-group of the sample are reported (as indicated in the data).

Full survey results

A full breakdown of responses is provided for every question. Percentages have been rounded and therefore may not add up to 100%.

Summary statistics for HMYOI Parc 2021

- a percentage for the affirmative response for each question is provided.

Please note that we only carry out within-prison comparator analysis where there is a minimum of 10 responses in each comparison group.

In the comparator analyses, statistically significant differences are indicated by shading. The probability threshold (i.e., p-value) is set at 0.01 which means that there is a 1% likelihood the statistically significant difference between the two groups is due to chance. Results that are significantly more positive are indicated by green shading and results that are significantly more negative are indicated by blue shading. Orange shading has been used to show a statistically significant difference in demographic or other background details. If there is no shading, any difference between the two results is not statistically significant and may have occurred by chance. Grey shading indicates that there is no valid comparative data for that question.

Confidential questionnaire for HM Inspectorate of Prisons

- 1 What wing or houseblock are you currently living on?**
 E wing 6 (33%)
 G wing 12 (67%)
- 2 How old are you?**

12	13	14	15	16	17	18 or over
0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (11%)	12 (67%)	4 (22%)
- 3 What is your gender?**
 Male 18 (100%) Female..... 0 (0%)
- 4 How would you describe yourself?**
 White 7 (39%)
 Black 4 (22%)
 Asian 1 (6%)
 Mixed..... 4 (22%)
 Other..... 2 (11%)
- 5 Are you from a Traveller community?** (e.g. Gypsy, Roma, Irish Traveller)
 Yes 0 (0%) No..... 18 (100%)
- 6 Have you ever been in local authority care?** (e.g. lived with foster parents or in a children's home, or had a social worker)
 Yes 8 (44%) No..... 10 (56%)
- 7 There are currently restrictions in place at this YOI due to the COVID-19 pandemic:**
- | | Yes | No |
|--|-----------|---------|
| Do you know what the restrictions are here? | 18 (100%) | 0 (0%) |
| Have the reasons for the restrictions been explained to you? | 15 (83%) | 3 (17%) |
| Do you agree the restrictions are necessary? | 11 (73%) | 4 (27%) |
| Do you feel you have been kept safe from the virus? | 17 (100%) | 0 (0%) |
- 8 On the wing or unit you are currently living on:**
- | | Yes | No | Don't know |
|--|-----------|---------|------------|
| Do you have enough soap or sanitiser to keep your hands clean? | 13 (72%) | 3 (17%) | 2 (11%) |
| Do you normally have enough clean, suitable clothes for the week? | 16 (89%) | 2 (11%) | 0 (0%) |
| Can you shower every day? | 18 (100%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) |
| Do you have clean sheets every week? | 15 (83%) | 3 (17%) | 0 (0%) |
| Are the communal / shared areas (landing, stairs, showers etc.) clean? | 12 (71%) | 4 (24%) | 1 (6%) |
| Is your emergency call bell or intercom normally answered within five minutes? | 16 (89%) | 1 (6%) | 1 (6%) |
| Can you make a complaint easily? | 14 (82%) | 0 (0%) | 3 (18%) |
- 9 What is the food like here?**
 Good 1 (6%)
 Reasonable 12 (71%)
 Not good..... 4 (24%)

- 10 Please answer the following questions about staff in this YOI:**
- | | Yes | No |
|---|----------|---------|
| Do you feel cared for by most staff here? | 15 (94%) | 1 (6%) |
| Do most staff here treat you with respect? | 15 (94%) | 1 (6%) |
| Are there any staff you could turn to if you had a problem? | 16 (89%) | 2 (11%) |
| Do staff encourage you to attend education, training or work? | 17 (94%) | 1 (6%) |
- 11 Are you doing any of the following activities at the moment? (Please tick all that apply)**
- | | |
|---|-----------|
| Going to education | 18 (100%) |
| Training for a job (vocational training) | 2 (11%) |
| Paid work | 2 (11%) |
| Interventions (e.g. offending behaviour programmes) | 6 (33%) |
| None of these | 0 (0%) |
- 12 Have you been provided with in-cell activity packs?**
- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Yes, and they are helpful..... | 7 (39%) |
| Yes, but they are not helpful..... | 3 (17%) |
| No | 8 (44%) |
- 13 Do you usually spend more than 2 hours out of your cell each day?**
- | | |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Yes | 18 (100%) |
| No | 0 (0%) |
| Don't know..... | 0 (0%) |
- 14 Can you spend time outside in the fresh air most days? (Not counting time spent going to and from activities)**
- | | |
|-----------------|----------|
| Yes | 17 (94%) |
| No | 0 (0%) |
| Don't know..... | 1 (6%) |
- 15 Please answer the following questions about keeping in touch with family and friends:**
- | | Yes | No |
|---|-----------|---------|
| Has anyone here helped you to keep in touch with your family and friends? | 16 (89%) | 2 (11%) |
| Are you able to use a phone every day (if you have credit)? | 17 (100%) | 0 (0%) |
- 16 How often have you seen your family and friends in the last month:**
- | | Every week | Two or three times | Once | Not at all |
|-----------------------------|------------|--------------------|---------|------------|
| Have they visited you here? | 1 (6%) | 2 (13%) | 0 (0%) | 13 (81%) |
| Had a video call with them? | 4 (22%) | 2 (11%) | 6 (33%) | 6 (33%) |
- 17 Have other young people here ever done any of the following to you? (Please tick all that apply)**
- | | |
|--|---------|
| Verbal abuse | 8 (53%) |
| Threats or intimidation..... | 5 (33%) |
| Physical assault | 1 (7%) |
| Sexual assault..... | 1 (7%) |
| Being forced to assault another young person | 1 (7%) |
| Theft of canteen or property..... | 2 (13%) |
| Other bullying or victimisation | 1 (7%) |
| Young people here have not done any of these things to me..... | 7 (47%) |
- 18 If you were being bullied / victimised by other young people here, would you report it?**
- | | |
|-----------|----------|
| Yes | 4 (25%) |
| No..... | 12 (75%) |

- 19 Have staff here ever done any of the following to you? (Please tick all that apply)**
- | | |
|--|----------|
| Verbal abuse | 4 (25%) |
| Threats or intimidation | 1 (6%) |
| Physical assault | 0 (0%) |
| Sexual assault..... | 0 (0%) |
| Theft of canteen or property | 0 (0%) |
| Other bullying or victimisation | 0 (0%) |
| Staff here have not done any of these things to me | 11 (69%) |
- 20 If you were being bullied / victimised by staff here, would you report it?**
- | | | | |
|-----------|---------|---------|----------|
| Yes | 4 (25%) | No..... | 12 (75%) |
|-----------|---------|---------|----------|
- 21 Do you feel unsafe now?**
- | | | | |
|-----------|---------|---------|----------|
| Yes | 2 (12%) | No..... | 15 (88%) |
|-----------|---------|---------|----------|
- 23 Is it easy or difficult to see the following people?**
- | | Easy | Difficult | Don't know |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------|------------|
| Doctor | 10 (56%) | 3 (17%) | 5 (28%) |
| Nurse | 17 (94%) | 0 (0%) | 1 (6%) |
| Dentist | 8 (44%) | 4 (22%) | 6 (33%) |
| Mental health worker | 11 (61%) | 1 (6%) | 6 (33%) |
| Substance misuse worker | 11 (61%) | 1 (6%) | 6 (33%) |
- 24 Do you have:**
- | | Yes | No |
|-------------------------|---------|----------|
| Mental health problems? | 4 (24%) | 13 (76%) |
| A disability? | 2 (13%) | 14 (88%) |
- 25 Do the rewards or incentives for good behaviour encourage you to behave well?**
- | | |
|-----------------|---------|
| Yes | 8 (50%) |
| No..... | 5 (31%) |
| Don't know..... | 3 (19%) |
- 26 Have you been physically restrained (e.g. MMR) since you have been here?**
- | | | | |
|-----------|---------|---------|----------|
| Yes | 6 (33%) | No..... | 12 (67%) |
|-----------|---------|---------|----------|
- 27 Since you have been here, have you ever been kept locked up and stopped from mixing with other young people as a punishment? (This might include time spent in a segregation unit or in your own room.)**
- | | | | |
|-----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Yes | 12 (67%) | No..... | 6 (33%) |
|-----------|----------|---------|---------|
- 28 Are staff here supporting you to achieve your custody plan objectives or targets?**
- | | |
|---|----------|
| Don't know what my objectives or targets are..... | 5 (29%) |
| Yes | 10 (59%) |
| No..... | 2 (12%) |
- 29 Is anybody here helping you to prepare for when you leave?**
- | | | | |
|-----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Yes | 12 (75%) | No..... | 4 (25%) |
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