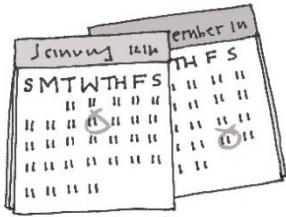
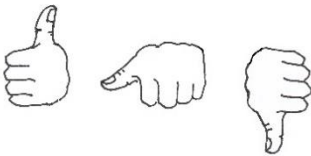




Inspection of HMP/YOI Drake Hall



Inspectors visited this prison in July and August 2024.



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



We did this by:

- looking around the prison
- asking women and staff to fill in a questionnaire
- speaking to women
- speaking to staff and helpers
- reading documents.

What did we find?



Women felt safe and said staff treated them well.
We gave the prison 4 out of 4 for this.



Women lived in clean houses and could cook for themselves. Outdoor areas were nice.
We gave the prison 4 out of 4 for this.



Most women went to education, work or both. Women needed more time to exercise and be outside.
We gave the prison 3 out of 4 for this.



Women had good help to get ready to leave HMP/YOI Drake Hall.
We gave the prison 4 out of 4 for this.

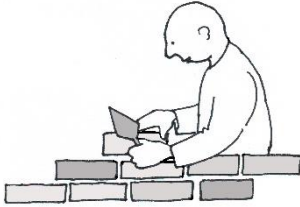
What should the prison do?



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 any problems at HMP/YOI Drake Hall and make things even better for women.

What do we want to happen?



We want Plymouth and Richmond houses to be replaced with new houses.



We want women to get more time to exercise or be in the fresh air.



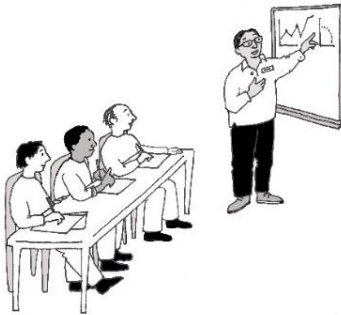
We want more women to have the chance to leave the prison in the day to go to work. We want more women to go to open prisons when the time is right.



We want medication to be given to women at the right times.

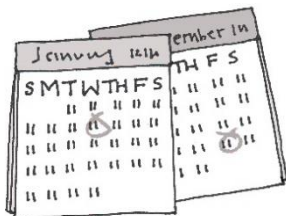


We want women to only be separated from other women if there is no other option. We want strip searching to be used less often.



We want women to get more work skills to help them when they leave prison.

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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