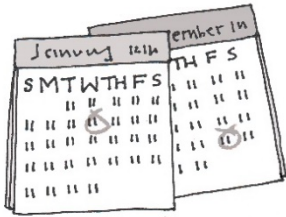
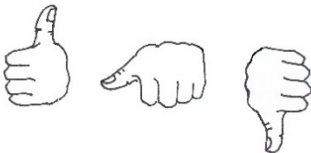




Inspection of HMP Forest Bank



Inspectors visited this prison in December 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 enough. There was too much violence and too many drugs. Too many prisoners were harming themselves.

We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.



Most prisoners got quite good care from most staff. Some prison staff were not very helpful.

We gave the prison 3 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners did not get enough time out of their cells. Too few prisoners went to education and work.

We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners got quite good help to get ready to leave the prison. Too many prisoners did not have a home to go to when they left.

We gave the prison 3 out of 4 for this.

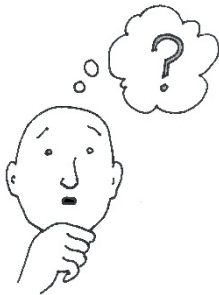
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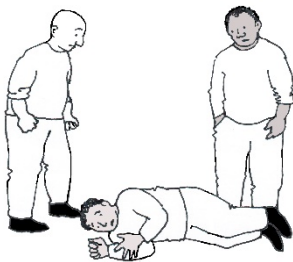
We want the governor to read our inspection report. You can find the report in the prison library.

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

What do we want to happen?



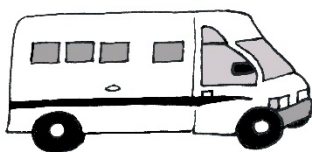
We want new prisoners to get more help when they arrive at Forest Bank. We want prisoners who are on remand to get more help and support.



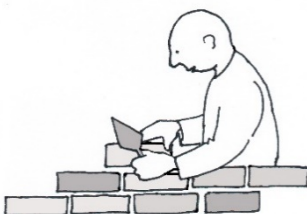
We want prisoners to feel safe. We want the prison to do more to stop prisoners fighting.



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



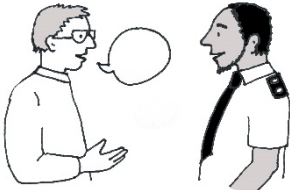
We want prisoners to get urgent hospital care more quickly.



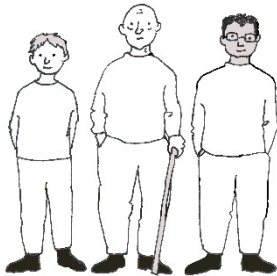
We want prisoners to spend more time out of their cells. We want them to have more to do.



We want the prison to do more to stop prisoners harming themselves.



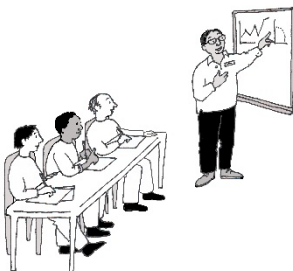
We want staff to get more training so they can help prisoners. We want them to help prisoners with their complaints.



We want all prisoners to be treated fairly.



We want prison staff to use force only when they need to. We want force to be used safely.

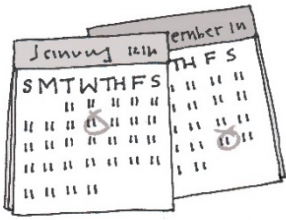


We want all prisoners to get good education and work skills. We want prisoners to get extra help if they need it.



We want prisoners to meet with their offender manager more often.

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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