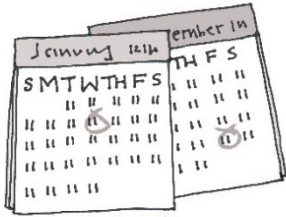
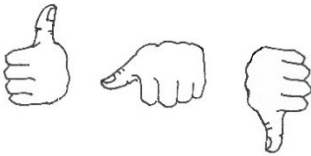




Inspection of HMP/YOI Foston Hall



Inspectors visited this prison in January 2025.



We wanted to find out if things were better, the same or worse for women since we last visited in 2021.



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 did not feel safe enough. There was too much violence, and too many women were harming themselves.

We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.



The prison was clean, but some wings were old. Women got some good help to see their families and friends.

We gave the prison 3 out of 4 for this.



Not enough women were in education or work. Women did not learn skills that would help them get a job after leaving prison.

We gave the prison 1 out of 4 for this.



Some women got good help from their prison offender managers.

We gave the prison 3 out of 4 for this.

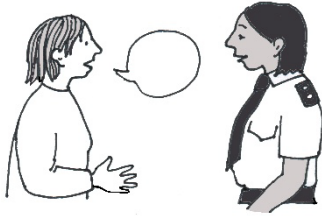
What should the prison do



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 & YOI Foston Hall and make things better for women.

What do we want to happen?



We want staff to be able to help prisoners with their problems.



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



We want prisoners to be able to get basic things done. We want staff to respond quickly to requests and complaints.



We want prisoners to learn skills that can help them get a job when they leave prison. We want the prison to do more to help prisoners learn to read.



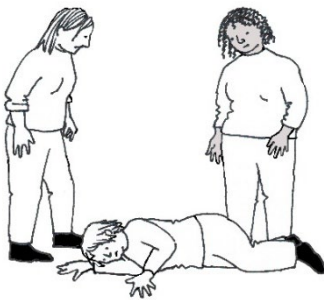
We want the prison to make sure that all patients get good healthcare.



We want women who are waiting to be sentenced or on recall to get better help.



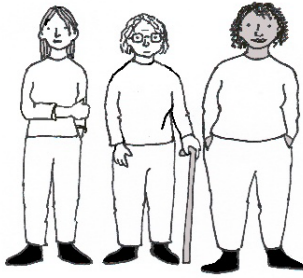
We want the problems with the older buildings to be fixed.



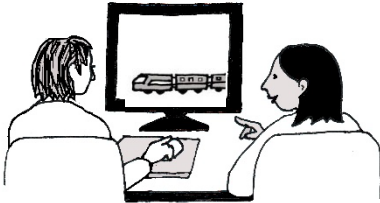
We want the prison to do more to stop violence and we want women to feel safer. We want staff to help prisoners to behave well.



We want all prisoners to live in good conditions.

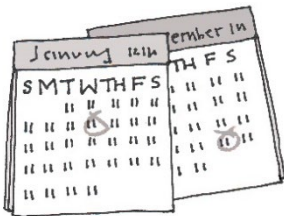


We want all prisoners to be treated fairly.



We want staff to help prisoners get ready to leave the prison. We want prisoners to get more support on the day they leave.

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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