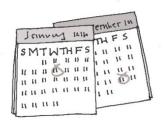
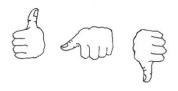


Inspection of HMP Guys Marsh



Inspectors visited this prison in January 2025.



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?



Support for new prisoners was not good enough. There was too much violence and too many drugs. Too many prisoners were harming themselves.

We gave the prison 1 out of 4 for this.



Living conditions were poor. Prisoners did not get good responses to their requests and complaints.

We gave the prison 1 out of 4 for this.



Too many prisoners were unemployed, and too few were learning English and maths. We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners did not get enough help to stop them reoffending. Too few prisoners were learning skills that would help them get jobs. 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 Guys Marsh and make things better for prisoners.

What do we want to happen?



We want new prisoners to get more help when they arrive at Guys Marsh.



We want the prison to do more to stop violence. We want it to sort out the problem with drugs.



We want the prison to give prisoners who harm themselves more support.



We want the prison to be cleaner. We want broken things to be fixed, and the problems with damp and mould to be sorted out.



We want prisoners to be able to get to hospital appointments. We want medicines to be given out safely.



We want prisoners to learn skills that will help them to get jobs when they leave prison.



We want officers to only use force on prisoners when they really need to. We want all officers to use force safely.



We want prisoners to get more help with their complaints and requests.

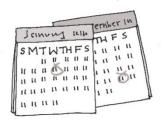


We want all prisoners to be treated fairly.



We want the prison to do more to help prisoners with their reading skills.

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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