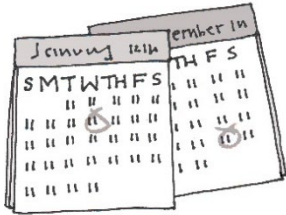
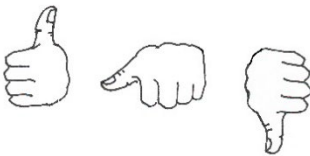




Inspection of HMP Thameside



Inspectors visited this prison in February 2025.



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



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?



There was too much violence. Too many prisoners were taking drugs.

We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.



Health care was bad. It was difficult for prisoners to make applications and get replies.

We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners did not have enough to do. Teaching was not always good enough. Too few prisoners were learning useful skills.

We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.



Too many prisoners had nowhere to live when they left Thameside. Some prisoners were released too late in the day.

We gave the prison 3 out of 4 for this.

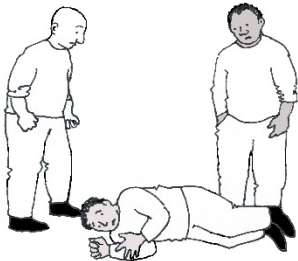
What should the prison do?



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 Thameside and make things better for prisoners.

What do we want to happen?



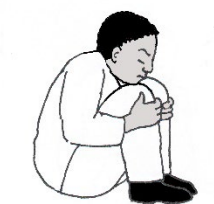
We want the prison to do more to stop fights and violence.



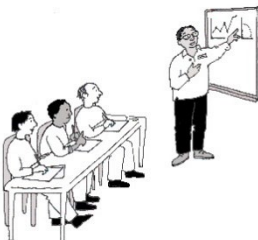
We want the prison to do more to sort out the problem with drugs.



We want health care services to be safe.
We want prisoners to get the health care they need.



We want prisoners with mental health problems to get more help. We want them to be taken to hospital more quickly.



We want prisoners to have more to do.
We want prisoners to learn skills that will help them when they leave prison.



We want prisoners to be able to make applications. We want them to get replies quickly.

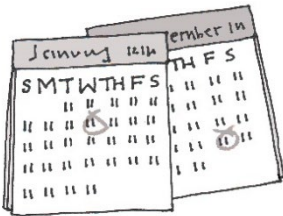


We want prisoners to be released from prison in the morning. We want them to get more help to find somewhere to live.



We want prisoners to be able to speak to a prison 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.



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