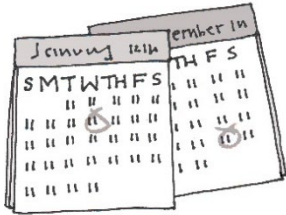
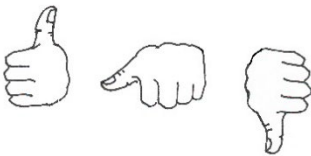




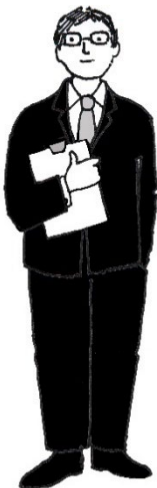
Inspection of HMP Birmingham



Inspectors visited this prison in October 2025.



We wanted to find out if things were better, the same or worse for prisoners since we last visited in 2023.



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?



Safety: 2 out of 4

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



Respect: 2 out of 4

- The prison was not clean enough.
- Lots of cells did not have things like curtains and pillows.
- There was not enough help for disabled prisoners and men who didn't speak English.
- It took too long to get the right help for men with serious mental illness.



Things to do: 1 out of 4

- Lots of prisoners got very little time out of their cells.
- Prisoners did not get enough help with their reading.



Getting ready to leave prison: 2 out of 4

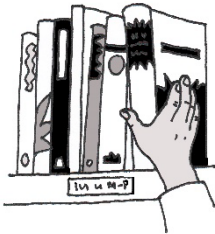
- Prisoners did not get enough help to see and speak to their families.
- Too many prisoners had been released late.
- Prisoners did not get enough support on the day they left the prison.

What should the prison do?



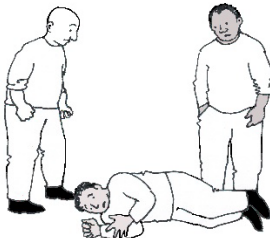
We want the governor to read the report we wrote about HMP Birmingham and make a plan.

The plan should tell us how they will fix the problems at HMP Birmingham and make things better for prisoners.



You can find the report we wrote in the prison library.

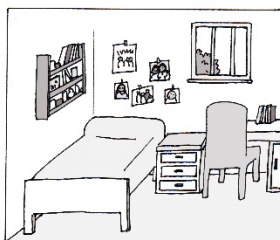
What do we want to happen?



We want the prison to sort out the problems with drugs and violence.



We want prisoners who might harm themselves to get more support.



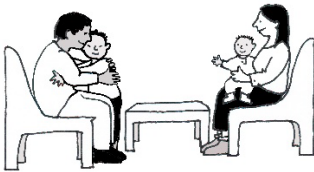
We want the prison to be clean. We want cells to have all the right things, like curtains and bedding.



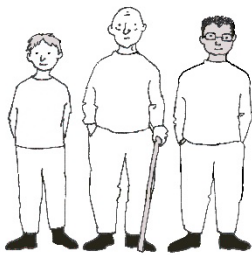
We want prisoners with serious mental illness to get the help they need.



We want all prisoners to get enough time out of their cells.



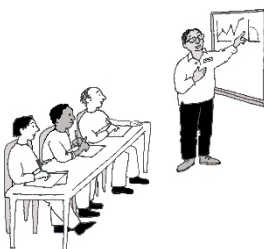
We want prisoners to get more help to see and speak to their families.



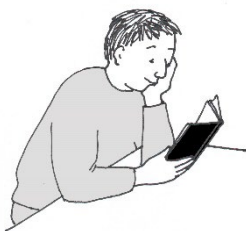
We want all prisoners to be treated fairly.
We want men with disabilities, or who can't speak English, to get more help.



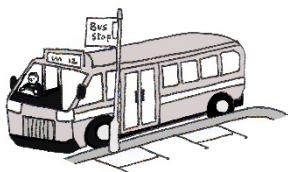
We want prisoners coming off drugs to get the help they need.



We want all prisoners to get good education and training. We want them to be able to start doing classes quickly when they arrive at Birmingham.

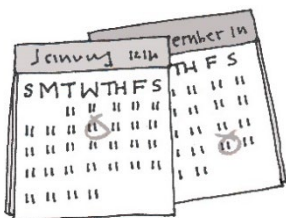


We want prisoners to get more help with their reading.



We want prisoners to leave the prison on the right day. We want them to get more help on the day they leave the 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.



If you have any questions, please write to us:

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