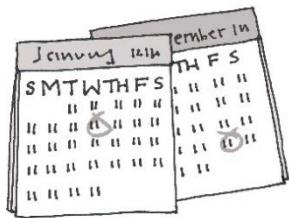
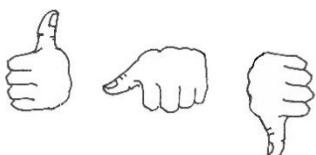




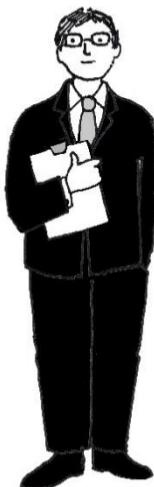
Inspection of HMYOI Wetherby



Inspectors visited this young offender institution in October and November 2025.



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



We did this by:

- looking around the institution
- asking young people and staff to fill in a questionnaire
- speaking to the young people
- speaking to staff and helpers
- reading documents.

What did we find?



Safety: 2 out of 4

- There was too much violence.
- Too many young people were harming themselves.
- Staff were not good about using their cameras when they used force on young people.



Care: 3 out of 4

- Most young people got quick replies to their complaints.
- Quite a lot of young people said staff were not caring, and that they were sometimes rude.
- Young people with serious mental illness were not always transferred to hospital quickly.



Things to do: 2 out of 4

- Education and training were not good enough.
- Not enough young people went to education classes.



Getting ready to leave: 4 out of 4

- Young people got good support to get ready to leave Wetherby.
- The visitors' centre was not always open for families, and they could not always get hot drinks or food.

What should the young offender institution do?

We want the governor to read the report we wrote about HMYOI Wetherby and make a plan.



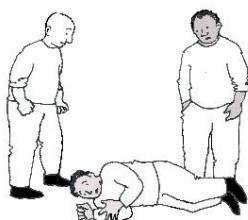
The plan should tell us how they will fix the problems at HMYOI Wetherby and make things better for young people.



You can find the report we wrote in the library.

What do we want to happen?

We want the YOI to do more to sort out the problems with violence.

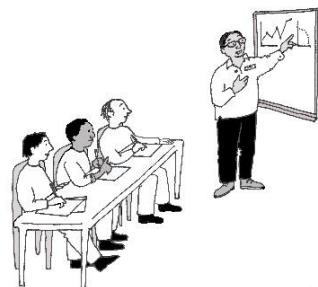


We want young people who might harm themselves to get more support.





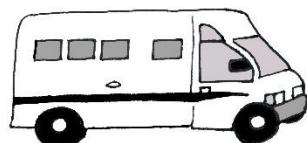
We want staff to treat the young people with respect.



We want education and training to be better. We want more young people to go to classes.



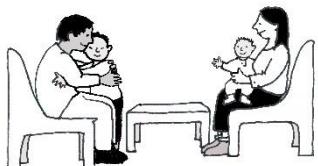
We want staff to always use their cameras when they use force on young people.



We want young people with serious mental illness to be moved to hospital more quickly.

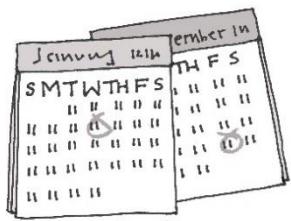


We want medication to be given out safely.



We want the visitors' centre to be open more often. We want families to be able to get hot drinks and food.

What will we do?



We will come back in a few years to check how well the young offender institution is doing. We will write a report to tell people what we find.



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