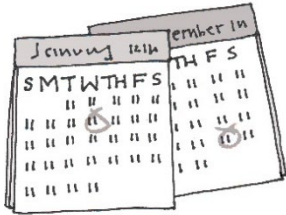
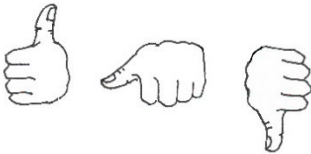




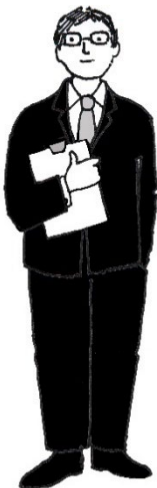
Inspection of HMP Whitemoor



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 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?



Safety: 4 out of 4

- The jail was calm. Prisoners felt safe.
- New windows were helping to stop drones delivering packages.
- Not many prisoners were harming themselves.
- PAVA spray had been used on prisoners lots of times.



Respect: 3 out of 4

- Staff gave prisoners on the Fens and Bridge units good help.
- Some parts of the prison were not clean enough.
- Prisoners had to wait a long time for health appointments outside the prison.



Things to do: 1 out of 4

- There were not enough education and work places.
- Not enough prisoners could get to activities.



Getting ready to leave prison: 3 out of 4

- Prisoners could get visits from their families quite often.
- Prisoners could see their offender manager quite often.
- Prisoners got help to stop offending.

What should the prison do?



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

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

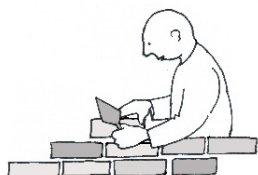


You can find the report we wrote in the prison library.

What do we want to happen?



We want prisoners to go to education and work.



We want prisoners to learn things that will help them get jobs.



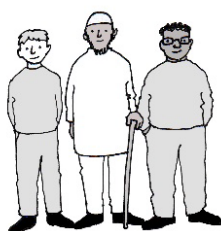
We want prisoners to do programmes and courses to help them change their thinking and behaviour.



We want officers to only use PAVA spray on prisoners when they really need to.



We want the prison to be clean.



We want the prison to find out what Muslim and ethnic minority prisoners need.

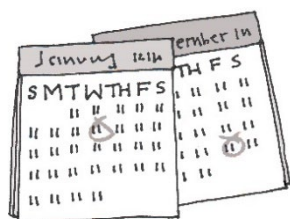


We want prisoners to get to dentist and hospital appointments more quickly.

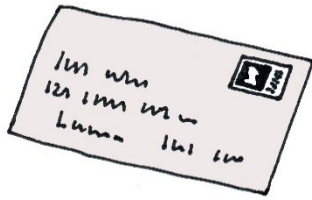


We want prisoners with serious mental illness to be moved to secure mental health facilities more quickly.

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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