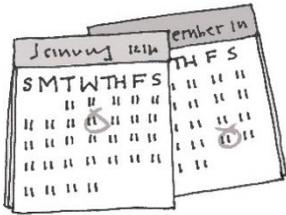
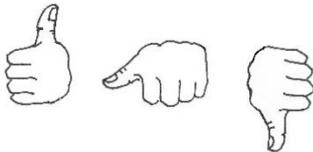




# Inspection of HMP & YOI Low Newton



Inspectors visited this prison in November 2025.



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



Inspectors did this by:

- looking around the prison
- asking women and staff to fill in a paper survey
- speaking to women
- speaking to staff and helpers
- reading documents.

# What did we find?



## **Safety: 4 out of 4**

- Women could have a shower, a hot meal, and a change of clothes when they arrived at the prison.
- Women felt safe and the prison was calm.



## **Respect: 4 out of 4**

- Most women said that staff treated them with respect.
- Shared indoor areas in the prison were clean.
- Women could spend time outdoors.



## **Things to do: 3 out of 4**

- Most women got quite good time out of their cells.
- Women could go to the gym often.
- Women could learn useful skills for getting a job.



## **Getting ready to leave prison: 4 out of 4**

- Women got good support even if they weren't at Low Newton for very long.
- There were lots of programmes women could do to help them change their behaviour.
- Women got good help with money and benefits.

## What should the prison do?



We want the governor to read the report we wrote about HMP & YOI Low Newton and make a plan.

The plan should tell us how they will fix the problems at HMP & YOI Low Newton 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 women who have serious mental illness to get help more quickly.



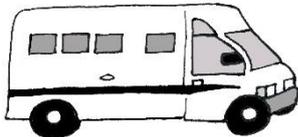
We only want staff to use force against women if they really have to.



We want women to get telephone numbers added to their PIN accounts more quickly.



We want staff to make sure women have somewhere safe to stay when they leave the prison.



We want women to travel to prison separately from men.

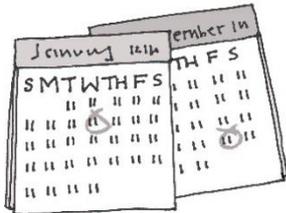


We want women on the health care unit to be able to go to appointments and get more time out of their cells.

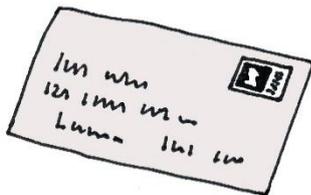


We want teachers to keep better information about what women have learnt.

## 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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