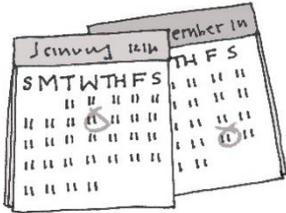
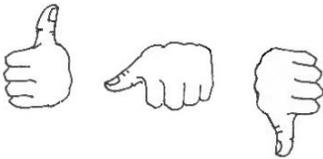




Inspection of HMP Exeter



Inspectors visited this prison in November and December 2025.



We wanted to find out if things were better, the same or worse for prisoners since we last visited in 2022.



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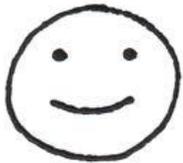
- looking around the prison
- asking prisoners and staff to fill in a questionnaire
- speaking to prisoners
- speaking to staff and helpers
- reading documents.

What did we find?



Safety: 2 out of 4

- Some prisoners were too scared to leave their cells.
- Prisoners did not get enough help when they arrived at the jail.
- Force was used on prisoners quite often.
- The prison needed to do more to stop drugs getting in.



Respect: 3 out of 4

- Prisoners who did not speak English very well got good support.
- Most prisoners had to share cells that were too small.



Things to do: 2 out of 4

- Not enough prisoners went to work and education.
- Prisoners did not get enough training when they were working on the wings.
- Prisoners did not get enough guidance about what activities they could do.



Getting ready to leave prison: 4 out of 4

- Prisoners getting ready to leave the prison got good help.
- Young prisoners got good support to help them stop committing crime.

What should the prison do?



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

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

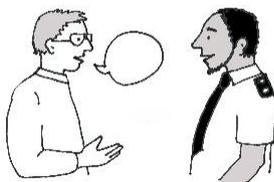


You can find the report we wrote in the prison library.

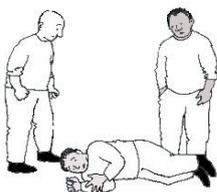
What do we want to happen?



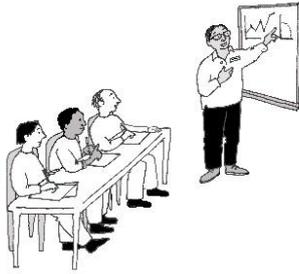
We want the prison to do more to stop drugs getting in.



We want the prison to give new prisoners more help when they arrive.



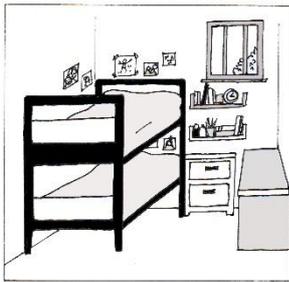
We want the prison to do more to keep prisoners safe.



We want more prisoners to be able to go to education and work. We want prisoners to learn skills that will help them.



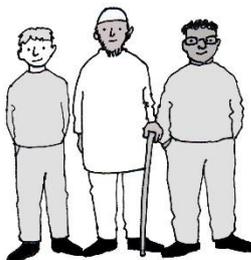
We want staff to make sure they use force on prisoners safely. We want them to turn on their body-worn cameras.



We want the prison to be less crowded. We want broken things to be fixed quickly.

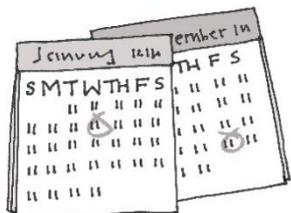


We want men doing work on the wings to get proper training.



We want all prisoners to be treated fairly.

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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