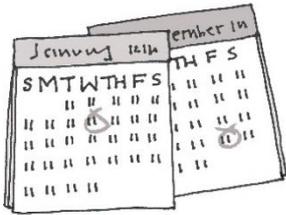
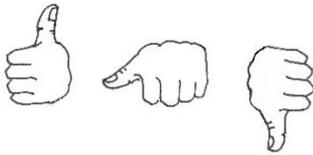




Inspection of HMP Maidstone



Inspectors visited this prison in December 2023



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



Inspectors did this by:

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

What did we find?



Safety: 3 out of 4

- The prison was quite safe and calm.
- Vulnerable prisoners were looked after well.
- There were too many drugs.



Respect: 3 out of 4

- Prisoners got on well with staff.
- The prison was mostly clean.
- Some parts of the prison were old and needed repairs.
- Prisoners could go to different types of religious service.



Things to do: 2 out of 4

- Prisoners could go to activities like yoga and book groups.
- Prisoners could learn skills that would help them.
- Some prisoners needed more time out of their cells.



Getting ready to leave prison: 2 out of 4

- The prison did not always have enough time to get prisoners ready to leave Maidstone.
- Helpful information was not always available in other languages.

What should the prison do?



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

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

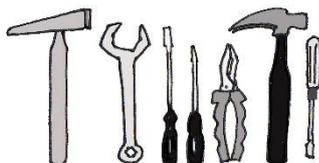


You can find the report we wrote in the prison library.

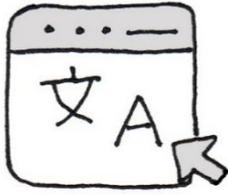
What do we want to happen?



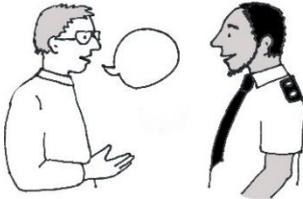
We want the prison to do more to sort out the problems with drugs.



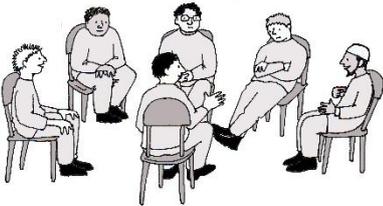
We want problems with old buildings, electrics and windows to be fixed.



We want the prison to use interpreting services more. We want there to be helpful information in other languages.



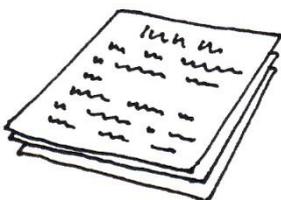
We want the prison to have more time to help prisoners get ready to leave the prison.



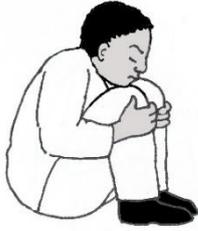
We want prisoners to be able to do programmes that will help them before they leave Maidstone.



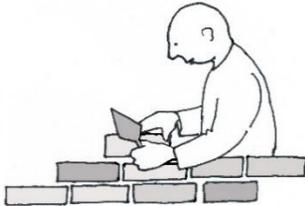
We want the prison to give prisoners more help when they first arrive.



We want prisoners to be able to get legal advice and information.

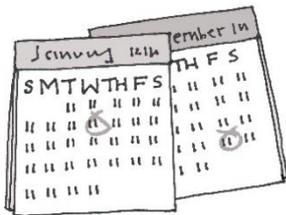


We want prisoners to get help quickly if they need it.



We want prisoners to learn useful skills that will help them when they leave.

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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