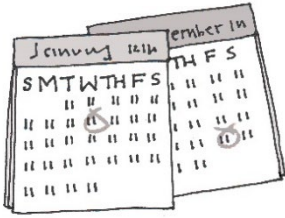
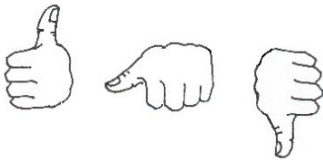




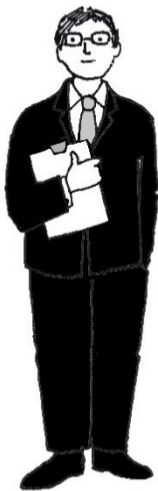
Inspection of HMP Manchester



Inspectors visited this prison in January 2026.



We wanted to find out if things were better, the same or worse for prisoners since we last visited in 2024.



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: 1 out of 4

- There was too much violence.
- Too many prisoners were harming themselves.
- Staff used force on prisoners too often.
- The prison needed to do more to stop drugs getting in.



Respect: 2 out of 4

- Prisoners spent too much time locked in their cells.
- Staff and prisoners did not get on very well.
- There was lots of rubbish and problems with rats.
- Prisoners did not think the food was good enough.
- Health care was not good enough.



Things to do: 1 out of 4

- Not enough prisoners went to work and education.
- Prisoners did not get enough help to get a job when they left the jail.



Getting ready to leave prison: 3 out of 4

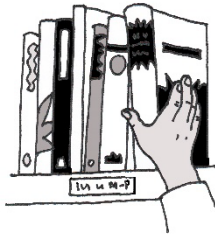
- Social video calls and visits were not held at good times. This made it hard for some prisoners to see their families.

What should the prison do?



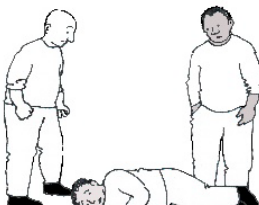
We want the governor to read the report we wrote about Manchester and make a plan.

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



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

What do we want to happen?



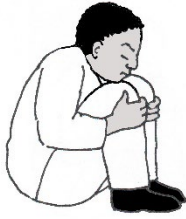
We want the prison to be safe for prisoners and officers.



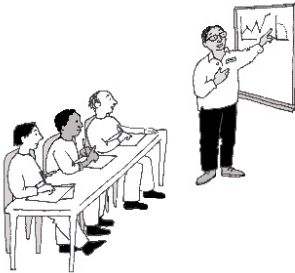
We want the prison to do more to stop drugs getting in.



We want officers to only use force on prisoners when they really need to. We want body-worn cameras to be switched on when force is used.



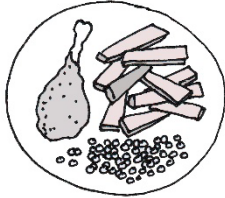
We want the prison to do more to help prisoners who might harm themselves.



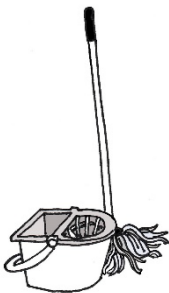
We want prisoners to spend more time in work and education.



We want there to be more staff, so they have time to help prisoners.



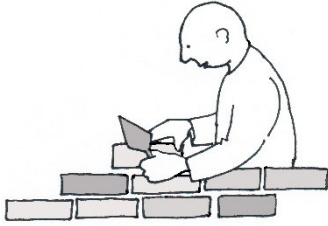
We want the food to be better.



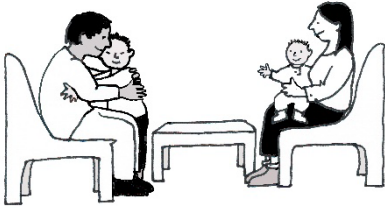
We want the prison to be clean and tidy.



We want prisoners to get better health care.

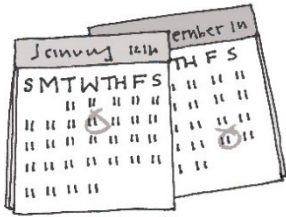


We want the prison to do more to help prisoners get a job before they are released.



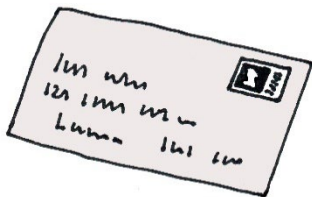
We want prisoners to be able to have social visits in the evenings. We want there to be more time for social video calls.

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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