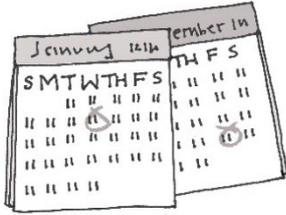
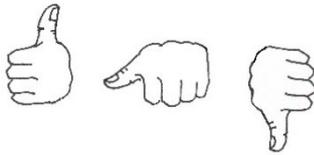




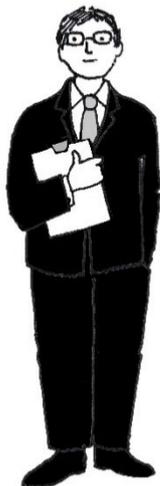
Inspection of HMP Swaleside



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 inspected in 2023.



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: 1 out of 4

- We were very worried about violence in the prison. Lots of prisoners did not feel safe.
- Lots of drugs were getting into the prison.
- Lots of prisoners were harming themselves.



Respect: 1 out of 4

- Staff and prisoners did not get on well.
- Officers did not make sure prisoners followed the rules.
- Health care was not good enough.



Things to do: 1 out of 4

- Prisoners did not get enough time out of their cells.
- Lots of prisoners did not go to education and work.
- Education and work was not good enough.



Getting ready to leave prison: 1 out of 4

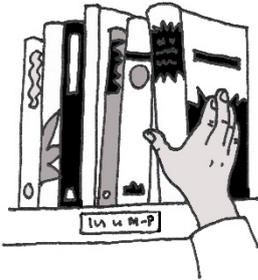
- Many prisoners were unhappy that they could not progress in their sentence.
- Many prisoners could not do programmes to help them change their behaviour.
- Some prisoners were not given enough support before they left the jail.

What should the prison do?



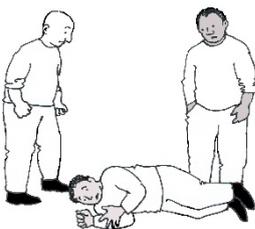
We want the governor to read the report we wrote about HMP Swaleside and make a plan.

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



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

What do we want to happen?



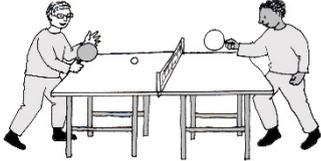
We want the prison to sort out the big problems with violence. We want prisoners to feel safe.



We want the prison to sort out the big problems with drugs.



We want the prison to do more to stop prisoners harming themselves.



We want prisoners to have more time out of their cells.



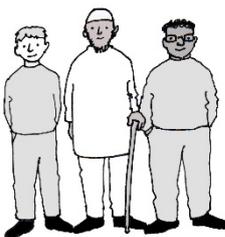
We want prisoners to be able to do things to help them change the way they think and behave.



We want staff to make sure prisoners follow the rules.



We want the prison to make sure force is used safely. We want staff to only use force when they need to.



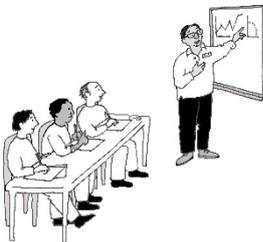
We want all prisoners to be treated fairly. We want prisoners to get extra help if they don't speak English, or if they are neurodivergent.



We want health care to be better. We want prisoners to get to hospital appointments if they need them.

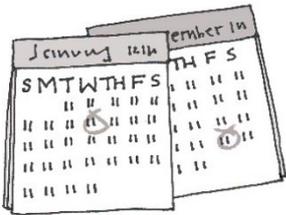


We want prisoners with mental illness to be taken to secure hospitals quickly.



We want prisoners to be able to go to education and work. We want education and work to be better.

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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