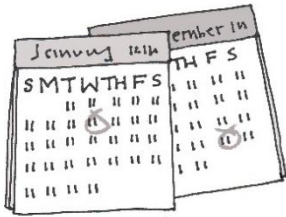
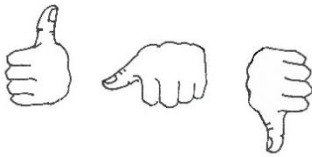




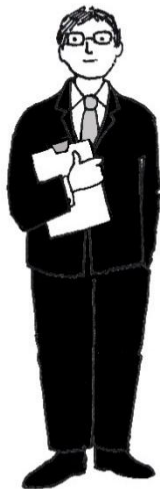
# Inspection of HMP & YOI Downview



Inspectors visited this prison in February 2026.



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 felt safe and got on well with staff.
- Women who were struggling to cope got good support.
- Women who behaved well were rewarded.



## **Respect: 3 out of 4**

- All women had their own cell with enough furniture.
- Shared areas in the prison were clean.
- Women got good help to see and talk to their family.
- Women who were mentally unwell waited too long to be moved to a secure hospital.



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

- Women learned useful skills to help them get jobs.
- Women in work or education had time out of their cells during the week.
- Women needed more to do on Fridays and weekends.



## **Getting ready to leave prison: 3 out of 4**

- Women got help to get ready to leave prison.
- Women were frustrated by delays in sentence and release decisions.
- Too many women left prison without a safe place to live.

## What should the prison do?



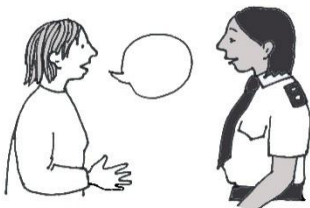
We want the governor to read the report we wrote about HMP & YOI Downview and make a plan.

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



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

## What do we want to happen?



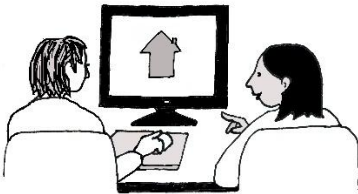
We want staff to speak to women kindly and use rules fairly.



We want women who are mentally unwell to be taken to secure hospitals more quickly.



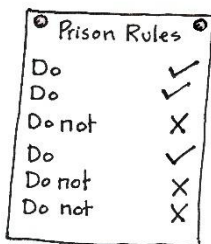
We want women with long-term health problems to get proper care and regular support.



We want there to be more staff to help women make progress in their sentence and prepare to leave the prison.



We want women to have a safe place to live when they leave Downview.



We want women to get rewards for behaving well.

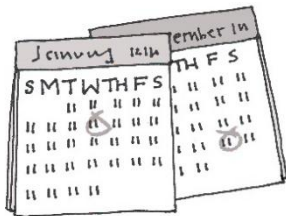


We want the prison to sort out the problems with drugs and make sure women are safe and well.



We want women to spend less time locked in their cells at weekends.

## 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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