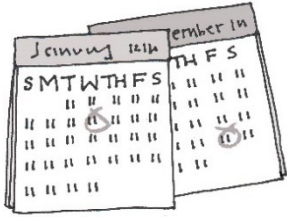
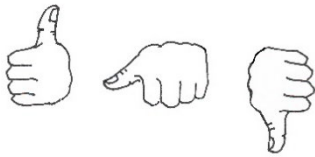




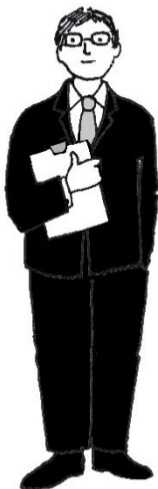
# Inspection of HMP Winchester



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 2024.



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: 2 out of 4**

- Prisoners did not feel safe.
- There was too much violence.
- There were too many drugs.
- Too many prisoners were harming themselves.



## **Respect: 2 out of 4**

- Prisoners did not get on well with staff.
- The prison was crowded, dirty and needed lots of repairs.
- Prisoners got some good health care.



## **Things to do: 1 out of 4**

- Many prisoners did not have a job or something useful to do.
- Many prisoners were locked in their cells for too long.
- Education and work were not good enough.



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

- Prisoners got good help to see and speak to family.
- Prisoners did not get enough advice about jobs and careers.
- Too many prisoners did not have a safe place to live when they left Winchester.

## What should the prison do?



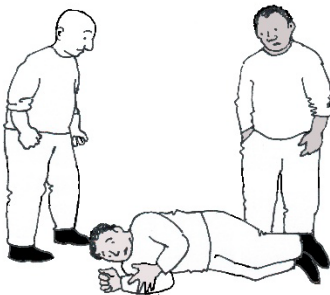
We want the governor to read the report we wrote about HMP Winchester and make a plan.

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



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

## What do we want to happen?



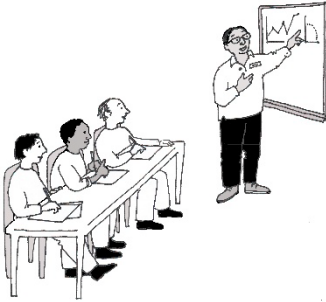
We want the prison to sort out the problems with violence and bullying.



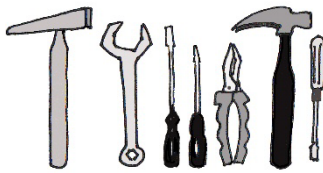
We want the prison to do more to stop drugs getting in.



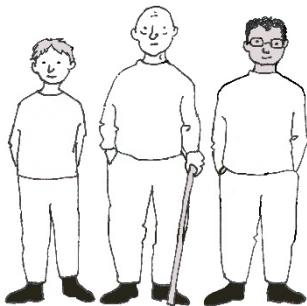
We want prisoners to have more time out of their cells.



We want prisoners to be able to go to education, work and other activities.



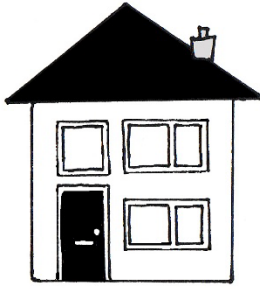
We want broken things in the prison to be fixed.



We want staff to be fair and respectful to prisoners.

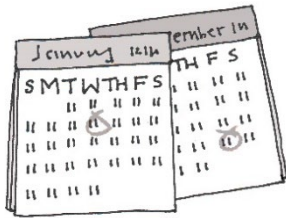


We want prisoners to get help when they feel upset or unsafe.



We want prisoners to have somewhere safe to live when they leave prison.

## 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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