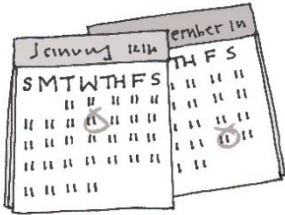
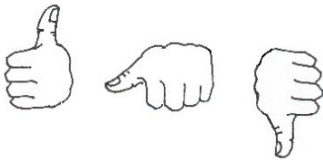




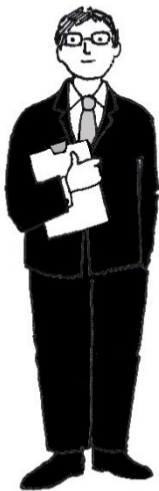
Inspection of HMP & YOI Stoke Heath



Inspectors visited this prison in February and March 2026.



We wanted to find out if things were better, the same or worse for prisoners since we last visited in 2023.



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: 2 out of 4

- Too many drugs were getting into the prison.
- Too many prisoners were harming themselves.
- Prisoners who chose not to mix with other prisoners needed more support.



Respect: 3 out of 4

- Health care for prisoners was good.
- Prisoners with autism got some good support.
- Some prisoners shared cells that were too small.
- E wing was not in good condition and needed repairs.



Things to do: 1 out of 4

- There were not enough education and work places.
- Many prisoners did not learn things that would help them get jobs when they left prison.
- Prisoners did not get enough help with their reading skills.



Getting ready to leave prison: 3 out of 4

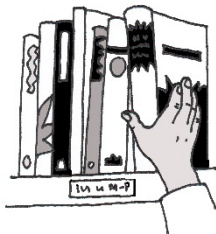
- The prison did a lot of things to make sure families felt welcome when they visited.
- Prisoners could get lots of support to get ready to leave the jail.
- Visits often started late.

What should the prison do?



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

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



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

What do we want to happen?



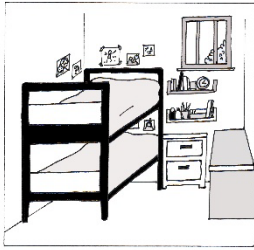
We want the prison to do more to stop drugs getting in.



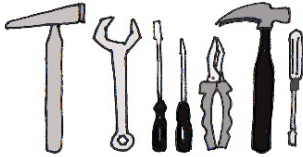
We want the prison to give more support to prisoners who might harm themselves.



We want the prison to do more to help men who choose not to mix with other prisoners.



We want prisoners to only share cells that are big enough for two people.



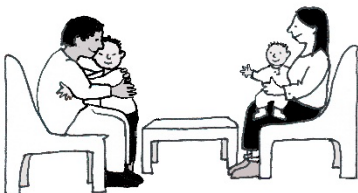
We want broken things on E wing to be fixed.



We want all prisoners to be able to go to work and education. We want them to learn useful things.



We want prisoners to get more help with their reading skills.

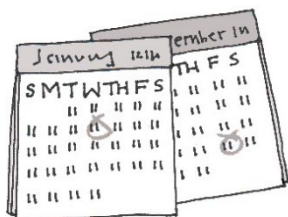


We want social visits to start on time.



We want prisoners to have more key work sessions with an officer who knows them.

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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