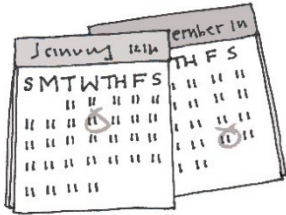
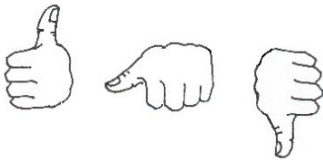




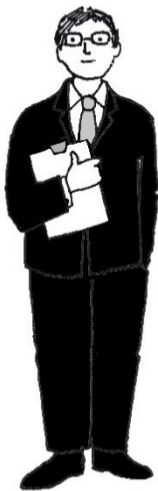
Inspection of HMP Woodhill



Inspectors visited this prison in 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: 1 out of 4

- There was lots of violence.
- Lots of prisoners were harming themselves.
- Lots of prisoners were taking drugs.
- Prison officers used force on prisoners too often.



Respect: 2 out of 4

- Staff did not set high standards of behaviour for prisoners.
- The prison was dirty and needed repairs.
- Prisoners waited too long for emergency medical care and to be transferred to mental health hospitals.
- Not enough was done to make sure all prisoners were treated fairly.



Things to do: 1 out of 4

- Prisoners spent too much time locked in their cells.
- Many education and work sessions were cancelled.
- Prisoners could not learn useful things or gain qualifications.



Getting ready to leave prison: 1 out of 4

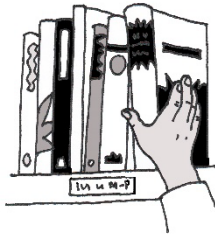
- Prisoners did not always get enough help to get ready to leave the jail.
- The prison did not do enough to help prisoners get jobs when they left Woodhill.

What should the prison do?



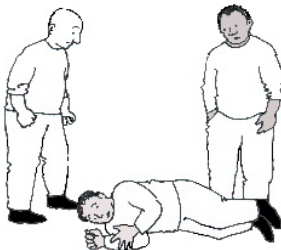
We want the governor to read the report we wrote about Woodhill and make a plan.

The plan should tell us how they will fix the problems at Woodhill 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.



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



We want the prison to make sure prisoners who might harm themselves get more support.



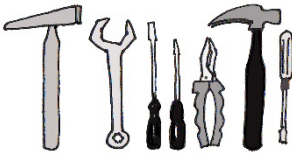
We want prison officers to do more to help prisoners behave well.



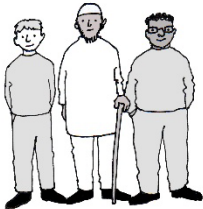
We want prison officers to only use force when they really need to.



We want prisoners to get emergency and mental health care more quickly.



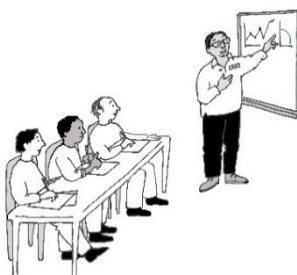
We want the prison to be clean and broken things to be fixed.



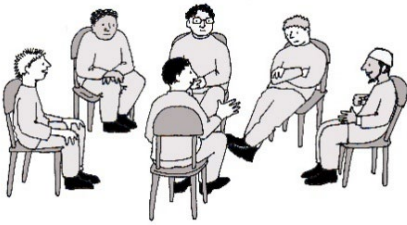
We want all prisoners to be treated fairly.



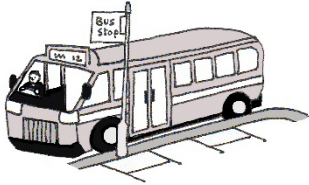
We want prisoners to spend more time out of their cells.



We want prisoners to learn things that will help them get jobs.

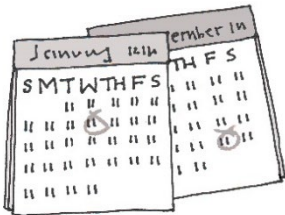


We want prisoners to be able to do the programmes and courses they need before they leave prison.



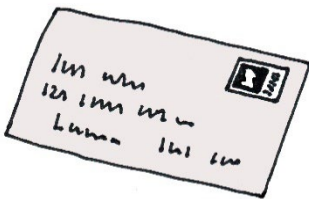
We want prisoners to get more help when they leave Woodhill.

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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