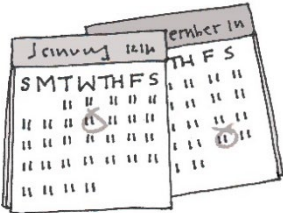
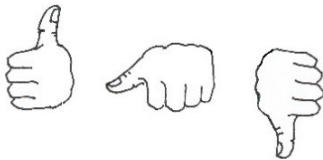




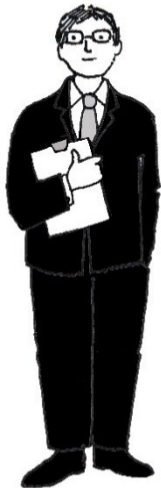
Inspection of HMP Ashfield



Inspectors visited this prison in April 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: 4 out of 4

- New prisoners got good help to settle in.
- There was very little violence.
- Force was hardly ever used against prisoners.
- Prisoners rarely harmed themselves.



Respect: 4 out of 4

- Staff and prisoners mostly got on well.
- The prison buildings were in good condition and were not overcrowded.
- Prisoners thought the food was good.
- Prisoners thought some complaints were not dealt with well. Some prisoners did not think they were treated fairly.
- Older prisoners got good support.
- Patients mostly received good health care.



Things to do: 2 out of 4

- Work and education activities were not good enough.
- Prisoners could not always get useful careers information.



Getting ready to leave prison: 4 out of 4

- Some prisoners did not get the help they needed to make progress in their sentences.
- Prisoners got good help to see and speak to their families.

What should the prison do?



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

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

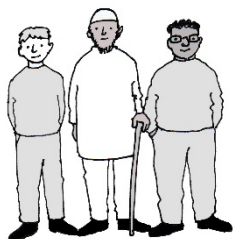


You can find the report we wrote in the prison library.

What do we want to happen?



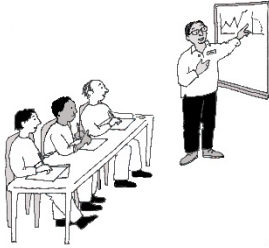
We want the prison to reply to prisoners' complaints more quickly. We want them to take prisoners' complaints seriously.



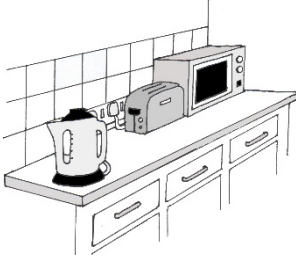
We want prison staff to make sure prisoners are treated fairly.



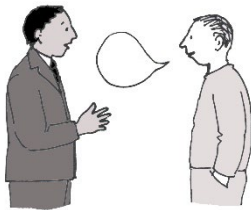
We want prisoners to get better health care. We want their health problems to be sorted out more quickly.



We want prisoners to learn useful skills in education and work. We want teaching to be better.



We want more prisoners to be able to prepare and cook their own food.

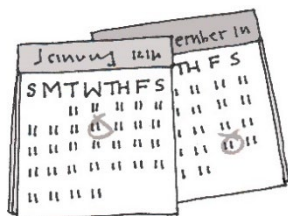


We want all prisoners to get careers advice that will help them when they leave the prison.



We want prisoners to get more help from staff to make progress in their sentences.

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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