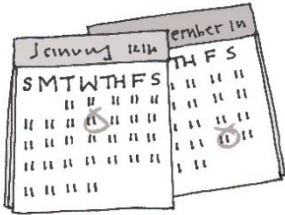
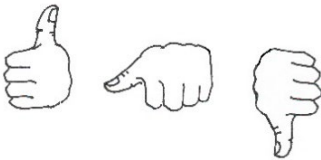




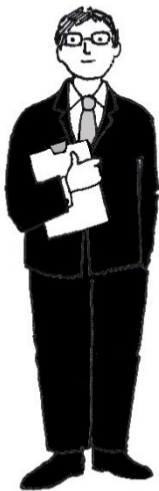
Inspection of HMP Isle of Wight



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 2022.



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 prisoners were harming themselves.
- There was too much violence. There was not enough support to help prisoners behave well.
- Too many prisoners were using drugs.
- The prison did not always do a good job of making sure things like force and segregation were used properly.



Respect: 2 out of 4

- The prison buildings were quite dirty and needed lots of repairs.
- Some cells had no toilet. Prisoners often used buckets at night, and some threw the contents out of the windows.
- Health care was not managed well enough.
- Prisoners with serious mental illness were not moved to secure hospitals quickly enough.
- Prisoners from different backgrounds were not always treated fairly.



Things to do: 2 out of 4

- Not enough prisoners were taking part in work and education activities.
- Prisoners who were not in work and education spent too much time locked in their cells.



Getting ready to leave prison: 3 out of 4

- The prison provided good support to prisoners who had been in jail for a long time.

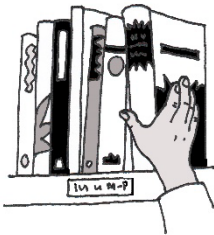
- The prison was working hard to make things better when families and friends visited prisoners.
- Prisoners did not get to see their prison offender manager often enough.

What should the prison do?



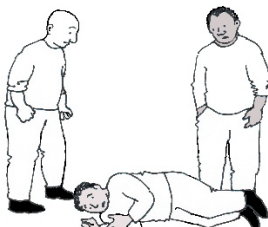
We want the governor to read the report we wrote about HMP Isle of Wight and make a plan.

The plan should tell us how they will fix the problems at HMP Isle of Wight 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 help prisoners behave well. We want the prison to sort out the problems with violence.



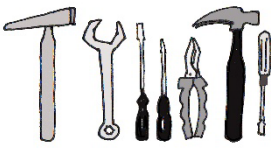
We want the prison to do more to stop drugs getting in.



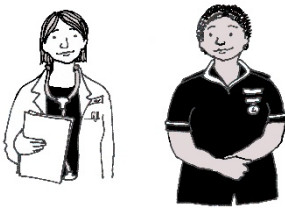
We want the prison to give more support to prisoners who might harm themselves.



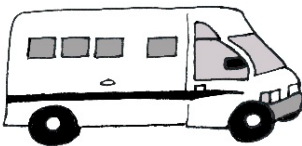
We want the prison to do more to find out why force is used on prisoners and why they are segregated.



We want the prison service to make the prison buildings and facilities better. We want the prison to be clean.



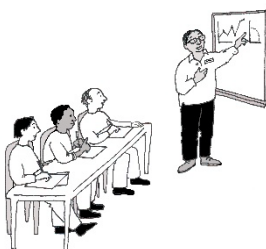
We want health care to be managed better. We want it to be safe.



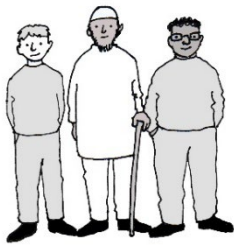
We want prisoners with serious mental illness to be moved to secure hospitals more quickly.



We want prisoners to spend less time locked in their cells.



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

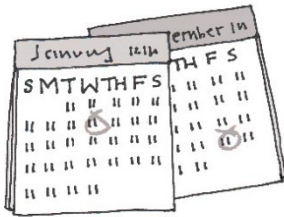


We want all prisoners to be treated fairly.



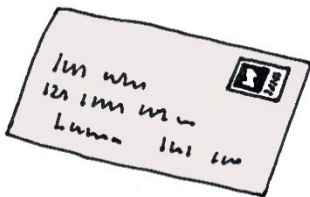
We want prisoners to be able to see their prison offender manager more often.

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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