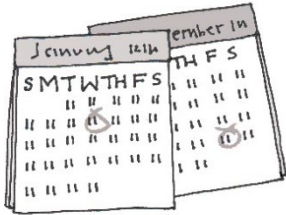
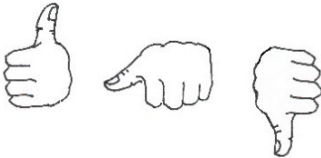




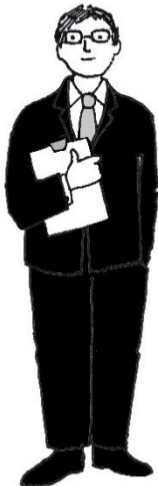
Inspection of HMP Five Wells



Inspectors visited this prison in May 2026.



We wanted to find out if things were better, the same or worse for prisoners since we last visited in 2024.



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: 3 out of 4

- Prison staff had done some good work with young prisoners to help them stop fighting.
- Prison staff looked out for prisoners who might be lonely.
- Too many prisoners were harming themselves.
- Many men said they were bullied by other prisoners.



Respect: 3 out of 4

- Prisoner peer workers gave good support to other prisoners.
- Staff took part in events and activities that made prisoners' lives better.
- There were long waits for some health care.



Things to do: 2 out of 4

- There were not enough work and education places for all prisoners.
- The prison did not do enough to get prisoners to read.



Getting ready to leave prison: 2 out of 4

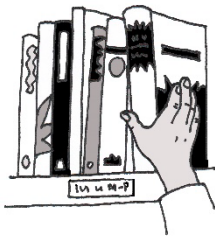
- Prisoners did not get enough help to make progress in their sentences.
- Prisoners did not get enough help to get ready for life outside prison.
- Not all prisoners got careers advice before they left Five Wells.

What should the prison do?



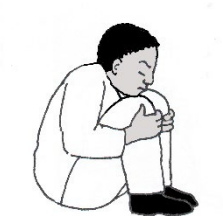
We want the governor to read the report we wrote about HMP Five Wells and make a plan.

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

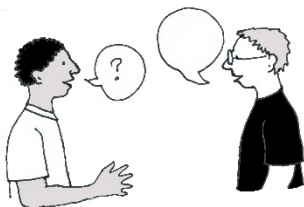


You can find the report we wrote in the prison library.

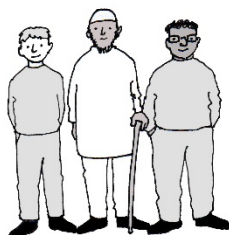
What do we want to happen?



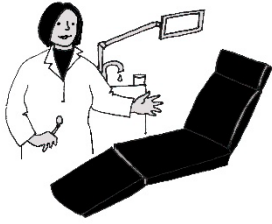
We want the prison to do more to stop prisoners harming themselves.



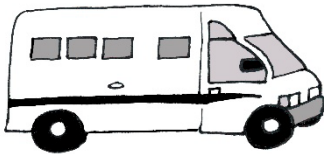
We want the prison to do more to stop prisoners bullying other prisoners.



We want prisoners from other countries to get more support.



We want prisoners to be able to see a doctor or dentist quickly.



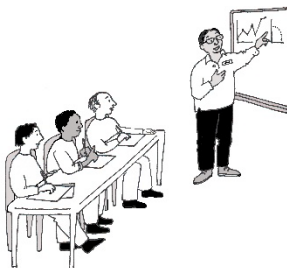
We want prisoners with serious mental illnesses to be moved to secure hospitals more quickly.



We want prisoners in distress to get more support.



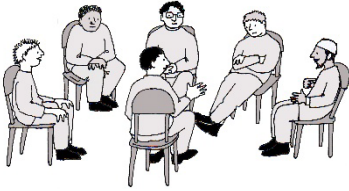
We want prisoners to be able to get to hospital appointments.



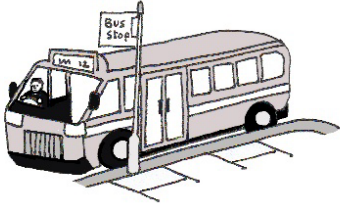
We want all prisoners to be able to get to education and work activities.



We want the prison to do more to get men to read.

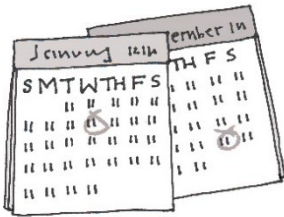


We want the prison to help prisoners make progress in their sentences.

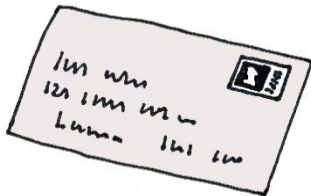


We want prisoners to get more help to get ready to leave prison.

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.



If you have any questions, please write to us:

HM Inspectorate of Prisons
3rd floor
10 South Colonnade
Canary Wharf
London
E14 4PU