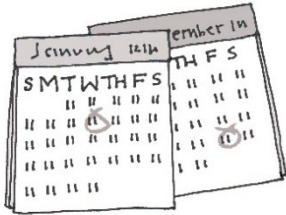
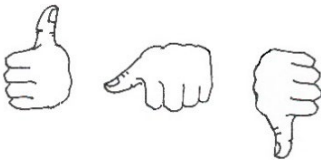




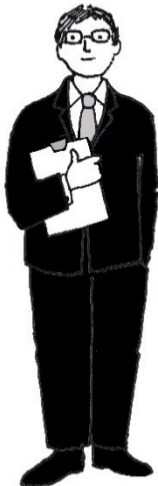
Inspection of HMP & YOI Brinsford



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: 1 out of 4

- There was lots of violence.
- Too many prisoners were taking drugs.
- Force was often used on prisoners.



Respect: 2 out of 4

- Parts of the prison needed repairs. It was hard for men to keep their cells clean.
- Prisoners were not all treated fairly.
- Prisoners with serious mental illnesses waited too long to be moved to secure hospitals.
- Health care for patients in the inpatient unit was not good enough.



Things to do: 2 out of 4

- Many prisoners were locked in their cells for too long each day.
- Too few prisoners attended work and education.
- Prisoners could not always choose education and work activities that would help them.



Getting ready to leave prison: 2 out of 4

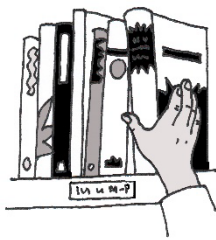
- Prisoners did not get enough time with their prisoner offender manager or key worker.
- Prisoners did not get enough help to get ready to leave Brinsford.

What should the prison do?



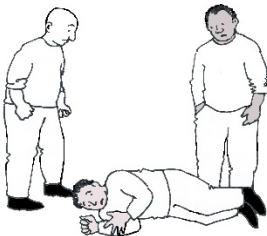
We want the governor to read the report we wrote about HMP & YOI Brinsford and make a plan.

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



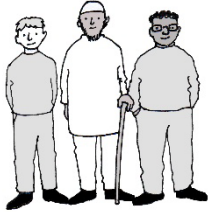
We want the prison to do more to stop drugs getting in.



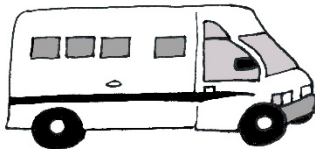
We want officers to only use force on prisoners when they really need to.



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



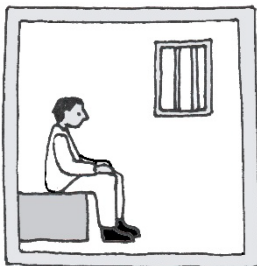
We want all prisoners to be treated fairly.



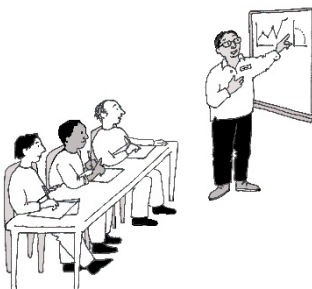
We want prisoners with serious mental illnesses to be moved to secure hospitals more quickly.



We want prisoners in the health care wing to get better care.



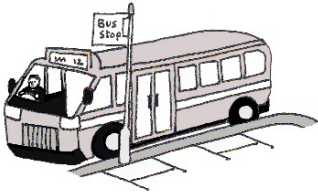
We want all prisoners to have more time out of their cells.



We want more prisoners to go to work and education. We want men to learn things that will help them.

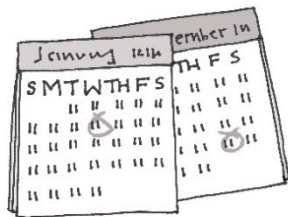


We want more prisoners to be able to go to the library.

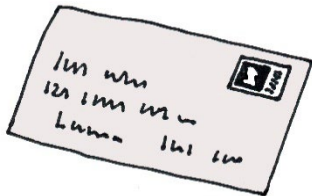


We want prisoners to get more help to get ready to leave the prison.

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:

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