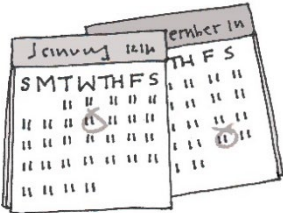
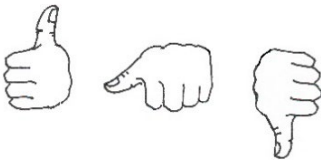




Inspection of HMP Risley



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 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 not much violence.
- Not many prisoners used illegal drugs.



Respect: 3 out of 4

- Staff and prisoners mostly got on well.
- The prison buildings needed repairs.
- Many prisoners thought the food was good.
- Prisoners did not get enough help with their requests and complaints.
- Health care rooms needed repairs.



Things to do: 2 out of 4

- There were not enough places in work and education.
- Prisoners could not always learn things that would help them.



Getting ready to leave prison: 2 out of 4

- Some prisoners did not get enough help to make good progress in their prison sentence.
- Many men did not have somewhere to live when they were released.

What should the prison do?



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

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

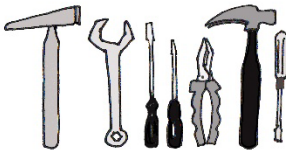


You can find the report we wrote in the prison library.

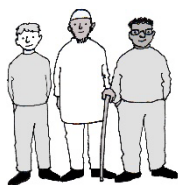
What do we want to happen?



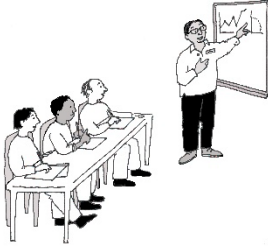
We want prisoners to get more help with their complaints and requests.



We want broken things in the prison to be fixed.



We want all prisoners to be treated fairly.



We want all prisoners to be able to learn useful skills in education and work.



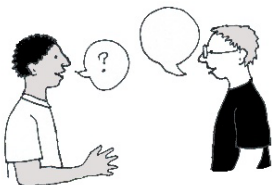
We want prisoners to have a safe place to live when they leave the prison.



We want staff to use their body-worn cameras properly when they use force on prisoners.

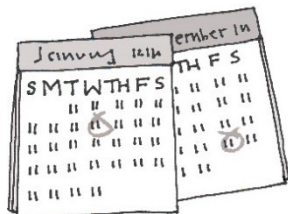


We want prisoners to be able to make good progress in their sentences.



We want prisoners who work as carers to get proper training.

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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