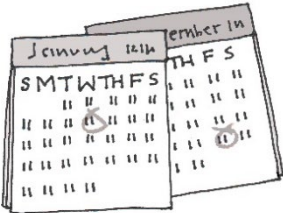
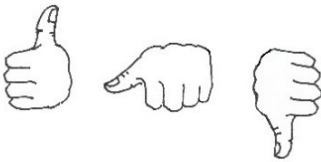




Inspection of HMP Highpoint



Inspectors visited this prison in June and July 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: 2 out of 4

- It was too easy to get drugs in the prison.
- Violence was getting worse and some of it was serious.
- PAVA spray was often used on prisoners.
- Vulnerable prisoners did not get enough help.



Respect: 3 out of 4

- The prison was mostly clean and tidy.
- Prison staff were doing a lot of work to make sure all prisoners were being treated fairly.
- It took too long for prisoners to get answers to their queries.
- Some of the food was not good enough.



Things to do: 1 out of 4

- Not enough prisoners went to work and education.
- Prisoners could not learn things that would be useful to them.



Getting ready to leave prison: 2 out of 4

- Prisoners did not get enough help to make good progress in their prison sentence.

What should the prison do?



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

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

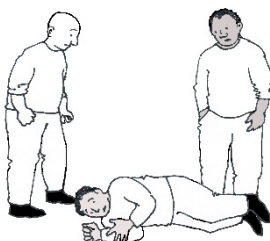


You can find the report we wrote in the prison library.

What do we want to happen?



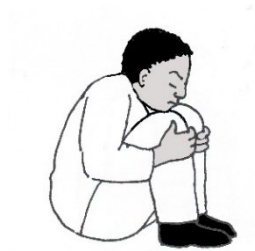
We want the prison to do more to stop drugs getting in.



We want the prison to do more to stop fights and violence.



We want the prison to make sure staff use PAVA safely and only when they really need to.



We want the prison to do more to look after vulnerable prisoners and keep them safe.



We want the food to be good in all parts of the prison.



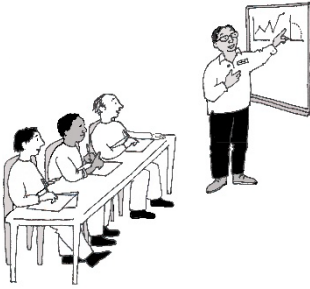
We want prisoners to get quicker responses to their applications. We want there to be more ways for prisoners to help improve things in the jail.



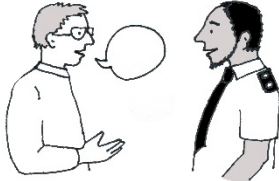
We want the prison to make sure health care is safe. We want prisoners working as carers to get proper training and support.



We want prisoners to get talking therapies more quickly.

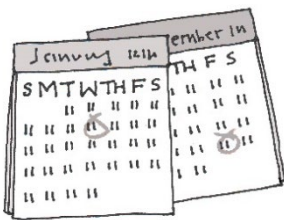


We want more prisoners to go to work and education activities. We want them to learn things that will be useful.

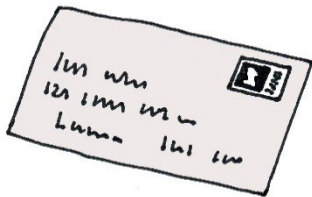


We want prisoners to get more help to make good progress in their sentence. We want them to see their offender manager more often.

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.



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