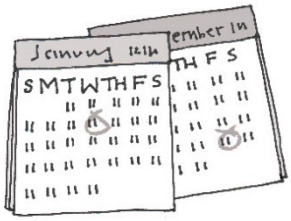
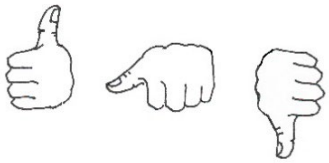
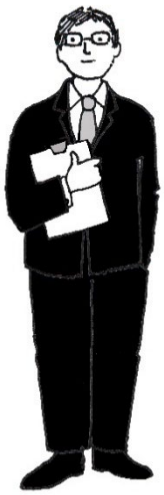
Inspection of HMP Deerbolt



Inspectors visited this prison in August 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: 2 out of 4

- There was a lot of violence.
- There were lots of drugs in the prison.
- Lots of prisoners were harming themselves.
- Force was often used against prisoners. Leaders did not do enough to understand why.



Respect: 3 out of 4

- There was lots of space in the prison and the gardens were good.
- Prisoners from minority groups got good support. The chaplains were very helpful.
- There were not enough officers and lots of them were very new.
- It was not easy for prisoners to make requests.
- There were some problems with health care.



Things to do: 2 out of 4

- Prisoners did not get time outside every day.
- Prisoners could not make enough progress in education and work.



Getting ready to leave prison: 3 out of 4

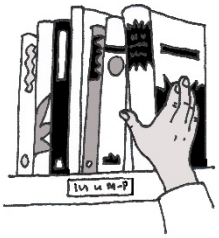
- Prisoners who had been in care got good support.
- It was too difficult for prisoners to make progress in their sentence.
- There were problems with prisoners getting letters and phone calls.

What should the prison do?



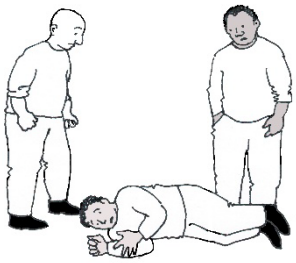
We want the governor to read the report we wrote about HMP Deerbolt and make a plan.

The plan should tell us how they will fix the problems at Deerbolt 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 sort out the problems with violence. We want staff to help prisoners behave well.



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



We want there to be enough staff. We want staff to have the skills to help prisoners.



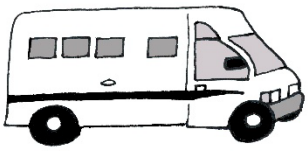
We want staff to only use force on prisoners when they really need to. We want leaders to do more checks on how force is used.



We want prisoners to get quicker replies to their requests. We want replies to be helpful and fair.



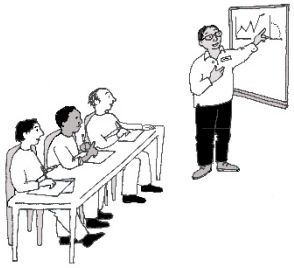
We want prisoners to get their medication safely. We want prisoners to be taken to health appointments.



We want prisoners who are seriously mentally unwell to be moved to secure hospitals more quickly.



We want prisoners to be able to spend time outside every day.



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

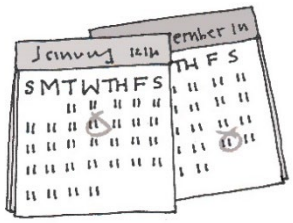


We want all prisoners to be able to make progress in their sentence.

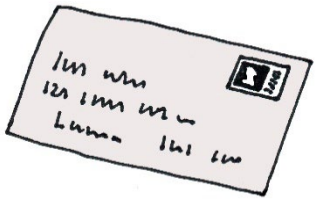


We want prisoners to get letters and phone calls more quickly.

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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