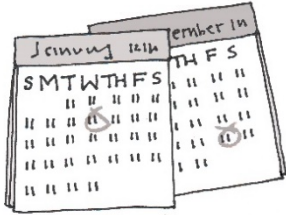
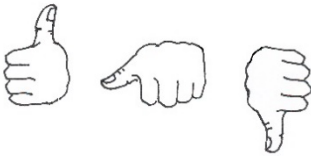




Inspection of HMP Stocken



Inspectors visited this prison in January 2023.



We wanted to find out if things were better, the same or worse for prisoners since we last visited in 2019.



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?



Prisoners were kept safe.

We gave the prison 4 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners were treated fairly respectfully.

We gave the prison 3 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners did not have enough to do.

We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners were given some help to plan for release.

We gave the prison 3 out of 4 for this.

What should the prison do?



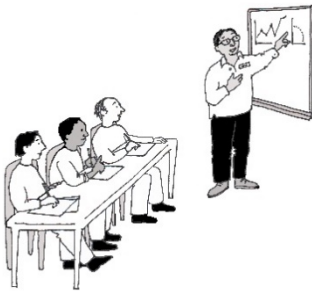
We want the governor to read our inspection report. You can find the report in the prison library.

We want the governor to make a plan. The plan should tell us how they will fix the problems at HMP Stocken and make things better for prisoners.

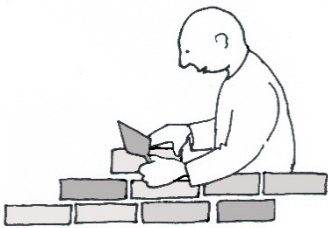
What do we want to happen?



We want prisoners to get more help when they first arrive, and be told what they need to know in their first few days.



We want prisoners to have more time in classes and work. We want more prisoners to be helped with their reading.



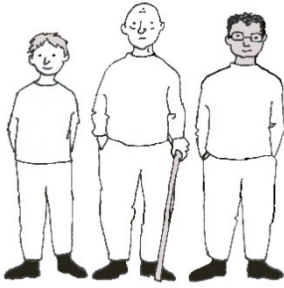
We want classes to teach prisoners the skills they need, at the right level. We want them to be able to get useful qualifications.



We want prisoners to get more key work and better support from officers.



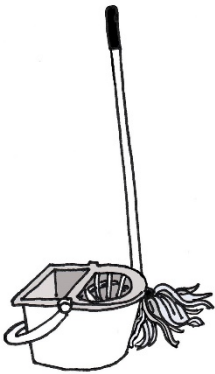
We want prisoners to be able to do the programmes they need before release. We want their offender manager to speak to them more often.



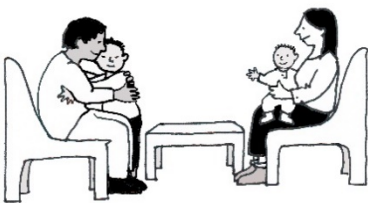
We want the prison to listen to people from different groups.



We want the prison to reply to applications and complaints more quickly.



We want the prison to be cleaned and painted, and broken toilet seats and windows to be fixed. We want prisoners to be able to clean their cells.

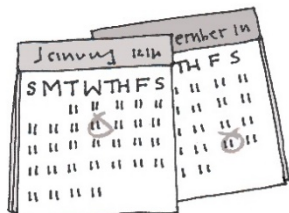


We want prisoners to get more help to keep in touch with families and friends.



We want the prison to serve better food and make sure the wing kitchens are cleaner. We want the self-cook areas to be better.

What will we do?



We will come back in two or three 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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