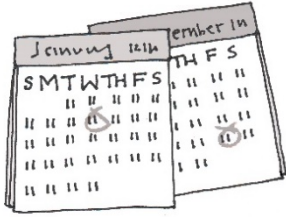




Inspection of HMP Preston



Inspectors visited this prison in March 2023.



We wanted to find out if things were better, the same or worse for prisoners since we last visited in 2017.



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 quite safe.
We gave the prison 3 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners were treated quite well by staff.
We gave the prison 3 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners had quite good time out of cell and some things to do.
We gave the prison 3 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners did not have enough help to change their behaviour and get ready for release.
We gave the prison 2 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 Preston and make things better for prisoners.

What do we want to happen?



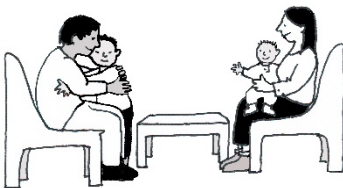
We want prisoners to get more help when they first arrive at the prison.



We want it to be harder for prisoners to get things they are not allowed, like drugs.



We want all staff to treat prisoners well. We want them to help prisoners sort out problems.



We want prisoners to be able to speak to their family and friends more often. We want them to get more visits.



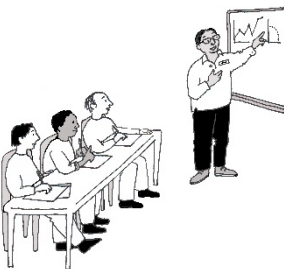
We want prisoners to live in cleaner cells with more space.



We want prisoners to have more time out of cell, especially in the evenings and at weekends.



We want prisoners with mental health problems to get to hospital more quickly.

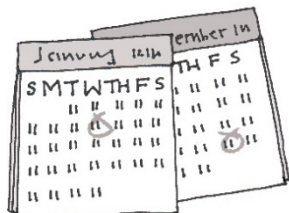


We want more prisoners to get to education classes and work.



We want unsentenced prisoners to get help with their housing problems.

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.



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