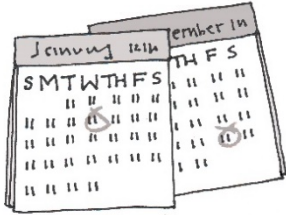




# Inspection of HMYOI Cookham Wood



Inspectors visited this YOI in April 2023.



We wanted to find out if things were better, the same or worse for young people since we last visited in 2021.



We did this by:

- looking around the YOI
- asking young people and staff to fill in a questionnaire
- speaking to young people
- speaking to staff and helpers
- reading documents.

## What did we find?



**Young people were not kept safe.**  
We gave the prison 1 out of 4 for this.



**Young people did not get good enough care.**  
We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.



**Young people had very little to do.**  
We gave the prison 1 out of 4 for this.



**Young people were not given enough help to change their behaviour and get ready for release.**  
We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.

## What should the YOI do?



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

We want the governor to make a plan. The plan should tell us how they will fix the problems at HMYOI Cookham Wood and make things better for young people.

# What do we want to happen?



We want everyone to feel safe. We want staff to stop young people being bullied and threatened.



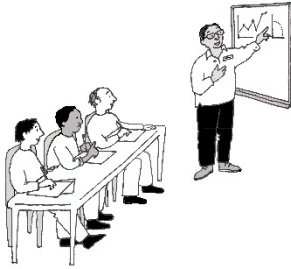
We want staff to give young people better care and help. We want boys to get rewards for good behaviour.



We want the prison to stop separating boys and locking them up on their own.



We want staff to do proper searches for weapons.



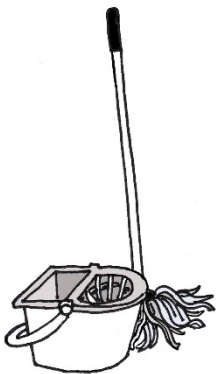
We want boys to be able to go to education. We want teaching to be better.



We want boys to be able to do courses like painting and decorating, catering and gardening. We want them to be able to choose which courses they do.

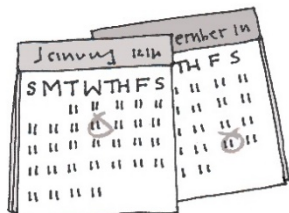


We want boys to have more time out of their cells, seeing and speaking to other young people.



We want the YOI to be clean. We want broken equipment to be fixed.

# What will we do?



We will come back next year to check how well the YOI is doing. We will write a report to tell people what we find.



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