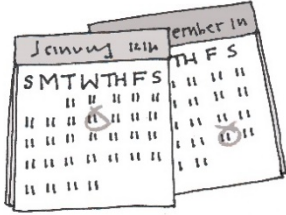




Inspection of HMP Huntercombe



Inspectors visited this prison in August 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 safe. There was not much violence.

We gave the prison 4 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners were treated well by staff. Cells and shared areas were clean.

We gave the prison 4 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners did not have enough education or training.

We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners needed more help to get ready for their release from HMP Huntercombe.

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 Huntercombe and make things better for prisoners.

What do we want to happen?



We want prisoners to be released from the prison on time. We want them to be given more information before they are released.



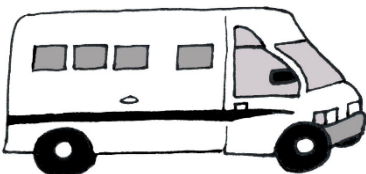
We want staff to give prisoners more help and support.



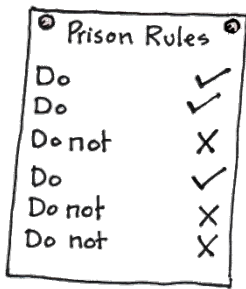
We want all prisoners to have plenty of time in education and work.



We want prisoners who have made good progress to be able to move to open prisons.



We want prisoners to spend less time waiting in holding rooms or vans.



We want prisoners to be moved off the basic level of the incentives scheme more quickly.



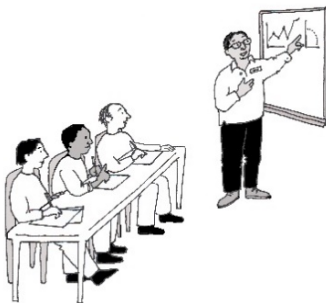
We want prisoners to only be strip-searched when there is a good reason.



We want shop prices to be lower so prisoners can buy what they need.

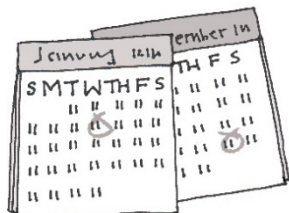


We want more prisoners to get the mental health support they need.



We want prisoners to have better education and more help to find a job.

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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