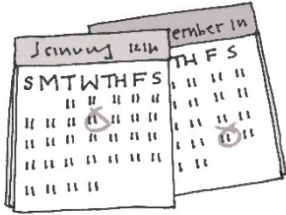
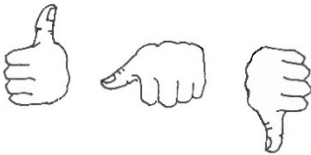




Inspection of HMP Swaleside



Inspectors visited this prison in September 2023.



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



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 not safe enough.
We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners were treated quite well by staff. Many prisoners did not have good enough key work.
We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.



Not enough prisoners were getting to education and work.
We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners were not given enough help to get ready for release.
We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.

What should the prison do?



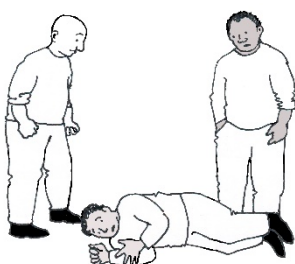
We want the governor to read our inspection report. You can find the report in the prison library.

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

What do we want to happen?



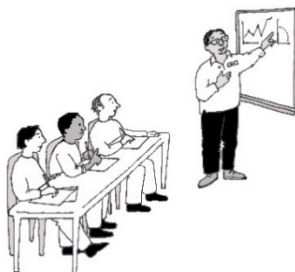
We want prisoners who might harm themselves to get better care.



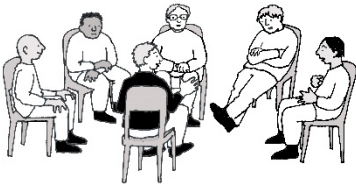
We want the prison to do more to stop fights and violence.



We want prisoners to get better key work. We want the prison to make sure officers do a good job when they are looking after prisoners.



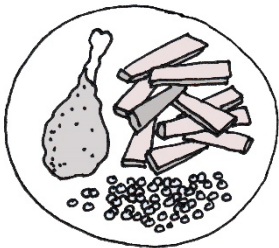
We want more prisoners to go to education and work. We want them to get better careers advice and information.



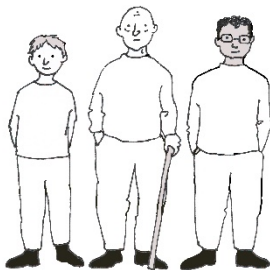
We want prisoners to do the courses they need to be released. We want them to be able to move to lower category prisons if they are ready.



We want the prison to do more to stop drugs coming in. We only want prisoners to be strip-searched if they need to be.



We want prisoners to be able to cook for themselves.



We want all prisoners to be treated fairly.

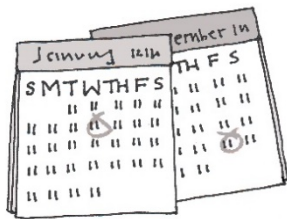


We want prisoners to get good, safe health care. We want them to get special types of therapy if they need it.



We want prisoners to get more time out of cell and have more things to do.

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.



If you have any questions, please write to us:

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