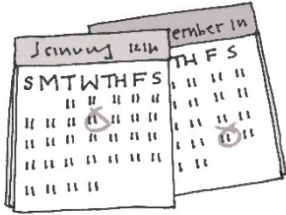
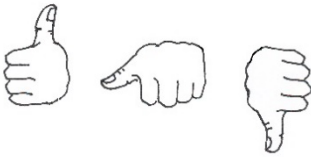




Inspection of HMP Ashfield



Inspectors visited this prison in October 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 felt safe.

We gave the prison 4 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners were treated well by staff. The prison was clean.

We gave the prison 4 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners did not have enough to do. Teaching wasn't good enough.

We gave the prison 1 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners were given good help to get ready to leave prison.

We gave the prison 4 out of 4 for this.

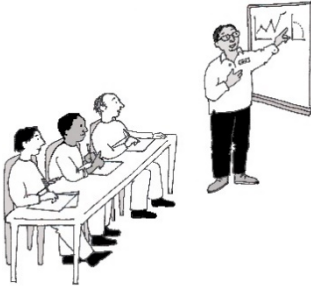
What should the prison do?



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 Ashfield and make things better for prisoners.

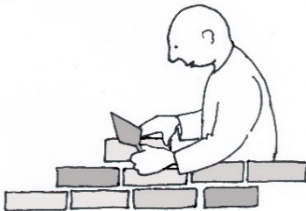
What do we want to happen?



We want more prisoners to do English and maths courses.



We want association to happen in the evenings so that prisoners go to education and work during the day.



We want teaching and work to be better. We want prisoners to learn useful skills that will help them to get a job.



We want prisoners to get more help with their reading skills.



We want the prison to do more to listen to prisoners and make improvements more quickly.



We want there to be more optician sessions. We want prisoners with special needs to get more help.



We want prisoners to get their medicine on time and safely.

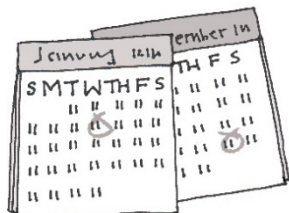


We want prisoners to get better careers advice to help them get a job.



We want prisoners to have more help to get ready to leave prison.

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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