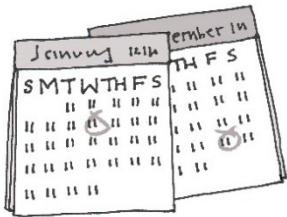
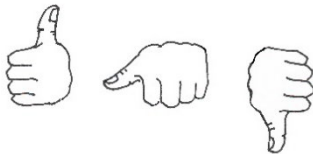




# Inspection of HMP Pentonville



Inspectors visited this prison in June and July 2025.



We wanted to find out if things were better, the same or worse for prisoners since we last visited in 2022.



Inspectors did this by:

- looking around the prison
- asking prisoners and staff to fill in a paper survey
- speaking to prisoners
- speaking to staff and helpers
- reading documents.

# What did we find?



## **Safety: 1 out of 4**

- A lot of prisoners felt unsafe.
- There were too many drugs and there was too much violence.
- Men who harmed themselves did not get enough support.



## **Respect: 2 out of 4**

- Staff did not look after prisoners very well.
- Wings were dirty and cells were too crowded.
- Prisoners got good health care.



## **Things to do: 1 out of 4**

- Prisoners spent too long locked in their cells.
- Not enough prisoners went to work and education.



## **Getting ready to leave prison: 1 out of 4**

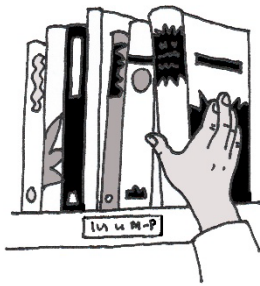
- The prison got a lot of release dates wrong. Lots of prisoners were kept in the prison for too long.
- Not enough prisoners got a job when they left Pentonville.

## What should the prison do?



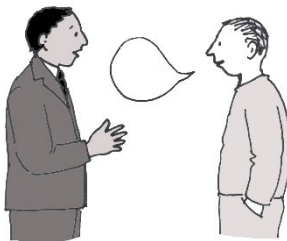
We want the governor to read the report we wrote about HMP Pentonville and make a plan.

The plan should tell us how they will fix the problems at HMP Pentonville and make things better for prisoners.

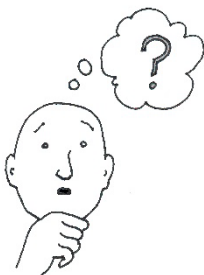


You can find the report we wrote in the prison library.

## What do we want to happen?



We want leaders to do more to find out what is happening in the prison.



We want prisoners who have just arrived to get more help and support.



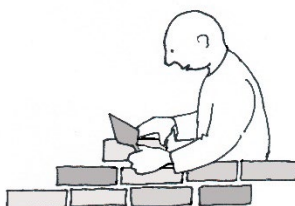
We want prisoners who might harm themselves to get better care.



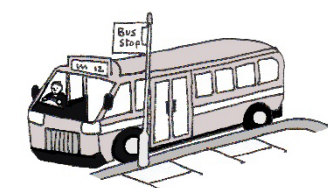
We want staff to treat prisoners with respect. We want the prison to make sure officers don't bully or hurt prisoners.



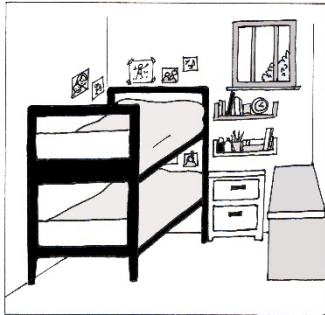
We want prisoners to get more time out of their cells.



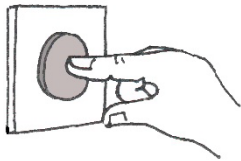
We want prisoners to go to work and education. We want them to get there on time.



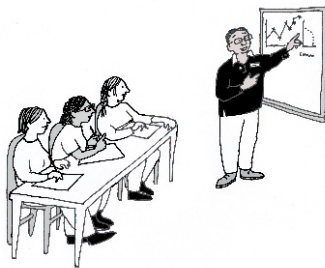
We want prisoners to leave the prison on the right day.



We want prisoners to live in better cells.  
We want the problems with mice and  
cockroaches to be sorted out.



We want cell call bells to be answered  
quickly.

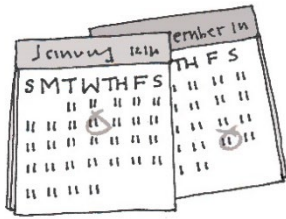


We want teaching and learning to be  
better. We want prisoners to get  
qualifications.



When prisoners arrive at Pentonville, we  
want staff to find out what help they will  
need when they leave.

# 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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