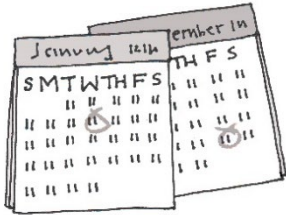
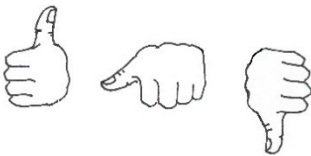




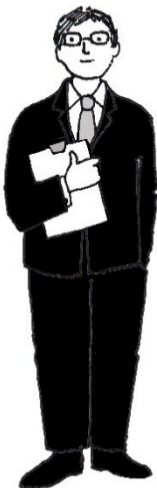
# Inspection of HMP Hewell



Inspectors visited this prison in June 2025.



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



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?



## **Safety: 2 out of 4**

- New prisoners did not get enough help to settle in.
- Prisoners who might harm themselves did not get enough support.
- Prisoners did not get enough help to behave well.



## **Respect: 3 out of 4**

- Relationships between staff and prisoners were good. Peer mentors gave helpful support to other prisoners.
- However, the prison was very crowded.
- It took too long to get mentally unwell prisoners into secure hospitals.



## **Things to do: 2 out of 4**

- Lots of prisoners were locked in their cells for too long.
- It took too long for prisoners to get a place in education or work.
- Prisoners needed more help with reading.



## **Getting ready to leave prison: 2 out of 4**

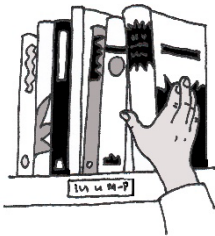
- Lots of prisoners did not have somewhere to live when they left prison.
- Prisoners on remand needed more help to get ready to leave prison.

## What should the prison do?



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

The plan should tell us how they will fix the problems at HMP Hewell 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 new prisoners to be able to speak to their families more quickly. We want them to have things to do when they arrive at the prison.



We want health care areas to be safe and clean.



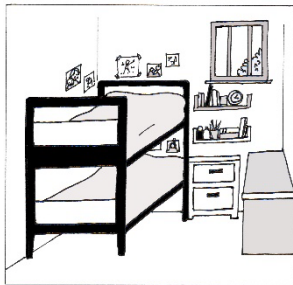
We want prisoners to have somewhere to live when they leave the prison.



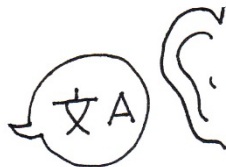
We want the prison to do more to help prisoners behave well.



We want prisoners who might harm themselves to get more support. We want prisoners with mental health problems to get help more quickly.



We want the prison to be less crowded.



We want foreign national prisoners to get more support.



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



We want the prison to make sure English and maths teaching is good.

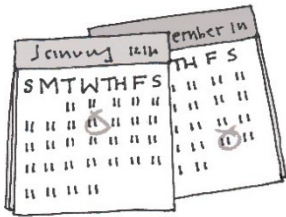


We want the prison to do more to encourage prisoners to read.

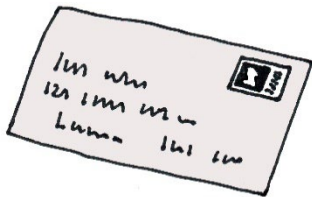


We want prisoners on remand to get more help to get ready to leave prison.

## 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.



If you have any questions, please write to us:

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