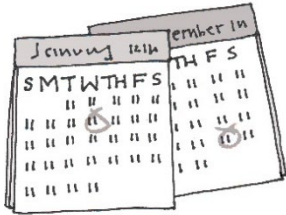
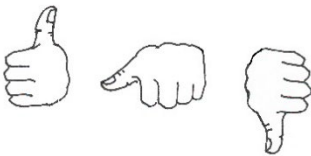




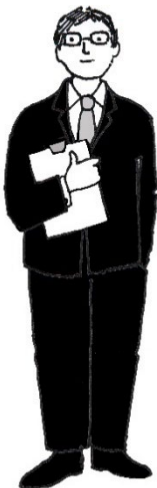
Inspection of HMP Lewes



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 2024.



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

- It was too easy to get drugs.
- Prisoners arriving late at night did not get enough support.
- Too many prisoners were harming themselves.



Respect: 3 out of 4

- It was too difficult for prisoners to ask for things they needed.
- Not all prisoners were treated fairly.
- Prisoners got good health care.
- Neurodivergent prisoners got good support.



Things to do: 2 out of 4

- Not enough prisoners were going to work and education.
- Some teaching and learning was not good enough.



Getting ready to leave prison: 3 out of 4

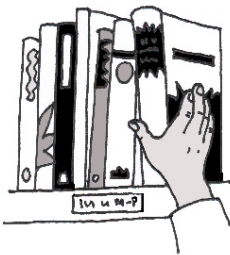
- Prisoners could not always get visits from their family and friends.
- Too many prisoners left prison with nowhere to live.
- Prisoners who were on remand or not sentenced got some good support.

What should the prison do?



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

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

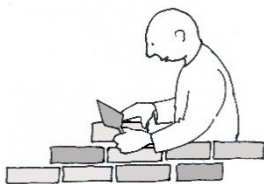


You can find the report we wrote in the prison library.

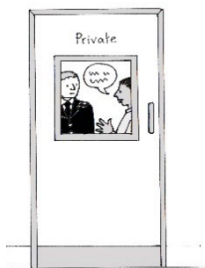
What do we want to happen?



We want the prison to do more to stop drugs getting in. We want prisoners with drug problems to get more help.



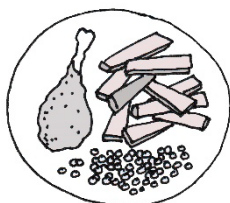
We want more prisoners to go to education and work. We want teaching to be better and prisoners to learn useful things.



We want prisoners to get the help they need when they arrive at HMP Lewes. We want them to get more help to do well in prison.



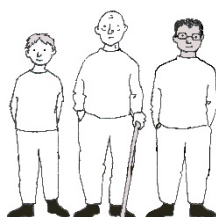
We want prisoners to get more support to stop harming themselves.



We want the food to be better. We want prisoners to have enough to eat.



We want cells to be clean and tidy. We want broken things to be fixed.



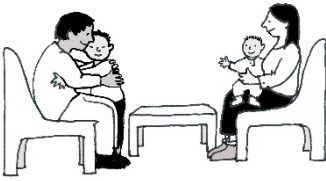
We want all prisoners to be treated fairly.



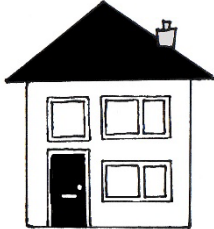
We want prisoners to be able to ask for the things they need. We want them to get replies more quickly.



We want health care to be safe.

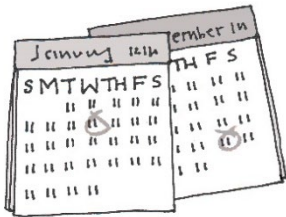


We want all prisoners to be able to have visitors.



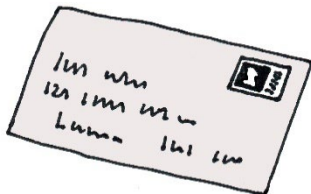
We want prisoners to have somewhere to live when they leave prison.

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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