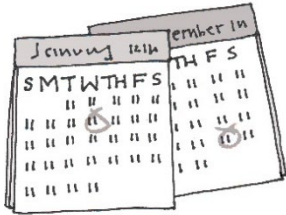
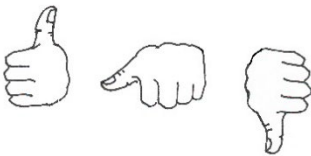




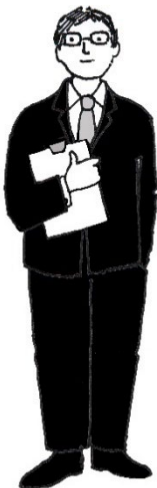
# Inspection of HMP Wakefield



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.



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**

- There was too much violence.
- Many prisoners did not feel safe and were afraid to leave their cells.
- New prisoners did not always get enough help to settle in.



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

- Most health care was good, but some prisoners had to wait too long to get appointments.
- Neurodivergent prisoners in the Mulberry unit got good support.
- Lots of things in the prison were broken and needed to be fixed.



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

- Not enough prisoners went to work and education.
- Prisoners did not get enough help with reading.



## **Getting ready to leave prison: 3 out of 4**

- Prisoners got some good help from the offender management unit.

# What should the prison do?



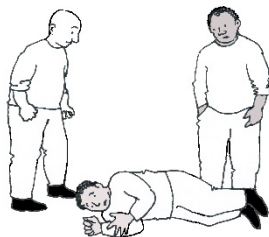
We want the governor to read the report we wrote about HMP Wakefield and make a plan.

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



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

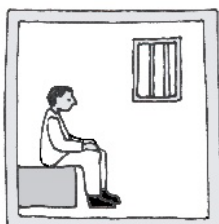
# What do we want to happen?



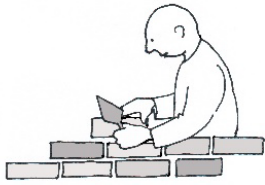
We want the prison to sort out the problems with violence.



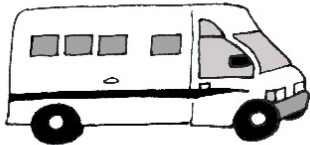
We want the prison to fix things that are broken.



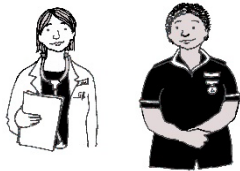
We want prisoners to get more time out of their cells.



We want more prisoners to be able to go to work and education. We want prisoners to be able to carry on learning things if they are in prison for a long time.



We want all prisoners to get enough help when they first arrive at the prison.



We want prisoners to get health care when they need it. We want health care to be clean and safe.

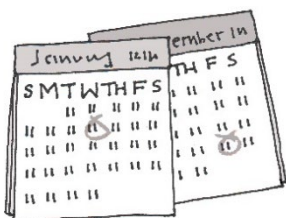


We want the prisoners to have more time outside.



We want prisoners to get more help with their reading.

## 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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