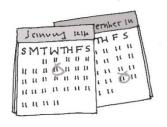
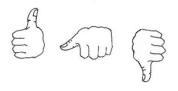


Inspection of HMP Leeds



Inspectors visited this prison in 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

- 16 prisoners had killed themselves since 2022.
- There were too many drugs in the prison.
- Prisoners did not get enough support when they first arrived at the jail.
- It took too long for mentally unwell prisoners to get to secure hospitals.



Respect: 2 out of 4

- Too many prisoners lived in overcrowded cells
- Some staff were uncaring and unhelpful.



Things to do: 1 out of 4

- Prisoners did not get enough time out of their cells.
- Prisoners who were at the jail for a short time did not get good education, training and work.



Getting ready to leave prison: 2 out of 4

- Too many prisoners left the jail without somewhere safe to stay.
- Not enough was done to keep the public safe when prisoners were released.

What should the prison do?



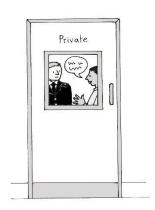
We want the governor to read the report we wrote about HMP Leeds and make a plan.

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



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

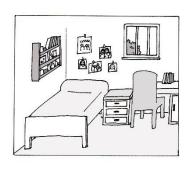
What do we want to happen?



We want prisoners to get better support when they first arrive at the prison.



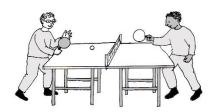
We want prisoners who might harm themselves to get more care and support.



We want prisoners to live in less overcrowded cells.



We want prisoners who are mentally unwell to be moved to secure hospitals more quickly.



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



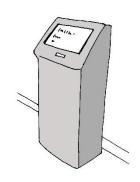
We want all prisoners at Leeds to get good education, training and work.



We want the prison to do more to stop drugs getting in.



We want prisoners to get better help and care from staff. We want staff to talk to prisoners and listen to them.



We want prisoners to get quicker replies when they ask for things.



We want prisoners with learning needs and disabilities to get better support.

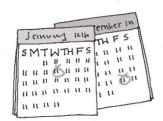


We want prisoners who have not been sentenced, or who have returned to prison, to get better support.



We want prisoners to have a safe place to stay when they leave the jail.

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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