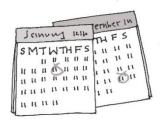
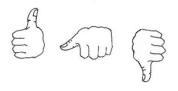


Inspection of HMP Leicester



Inspectors visited this prison in August 2025.



We wanted to find out if things were better, the same or worse for prisoners since we last visited in 2023.



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: 2 out of 4

- There was too much violence.
- There were too many drugs.
- Staff used force on prisoners too often.



Respect: 3 out of 4

- There were problems with health care.
 Medication was not given out safely.
- Floors and windows in many cells on the main wing needed to be fixed.



Things to do: 1 out of 4

- Prisoners were not always let out of their cells at the same time each day.
- Lots of prisoners did not learn the things they needed to help them get a job.
- Prisoners did not get enough time out of their cells at weekends.



Getting ready to leave prison: 3 out of 4

 Too many prisoners left the prison without a safe place to stay.

What should the prison do?



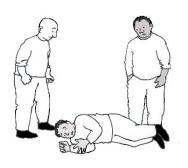
We want the governor to read the report we wrote about HMP Leicester and make a plan.

The plan should tell us how they will fix the problems at HMP Leicester 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 sort out the problems with violence.



We want the prison to do more to stop drugs getting into the jail.



We want staff to make sure prisoners get their medication safely.



We want prisoners to get good health care.



We want prisoners to be let out of their cells at the same time each day.



We want prisoners to learn skills that will help them get a job.



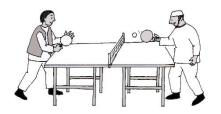
We want staff to only use force on prisoners when they really have to.



We want broken things in cells on the main wing to be fixed.



We want patients with serious mental illness to be taken to hospital more quickly.

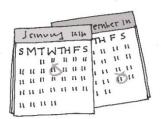


We want prisoners to get more time out of their cells on weekends.



We want all prisoners to have a safe place to stay when they leave HMP Leicester.

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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