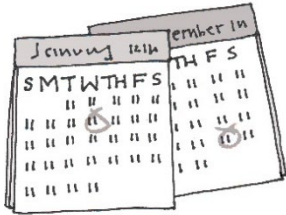
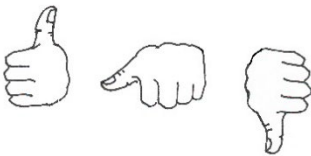




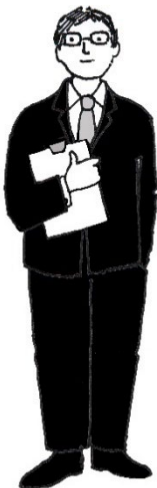
Inspection of HMP Northumberland



Inspectors visited this prison in August and September 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: 3 out of 4

- Prisoners arriving at the jail got good help from some other prisoners called 'Insiders'.
- The prison was trying to stop drugs getting in. Drugs were causing violence.
- Prisoners who might harm themselves needed more support.



Respect: 3 out of 4

- Prisoners got very good health care.
- Neurodivergent prisoners got good support.
- The prison needed to make sure everyone was treated fairly.
- Staff needed to spend more time on the wings so they could help prisoners.



Things to do: 3 out of 4

- Education was good. Lots of prisoners went to education and work.
- The prison needed to make sure prisoners in workshops kept learning new things.



Getting ready to leave prison: 3 out of 4

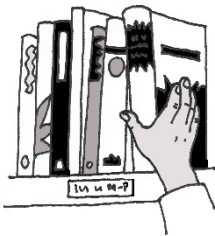
- Prisoners got some good help to get them ready for release.
- There was good help to make sure prisoners did not overdose on drugs when they left the prison.
- Not enough prisoners got a job when they left the prison.

What should the prison do?



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

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



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

What do we want to happen?



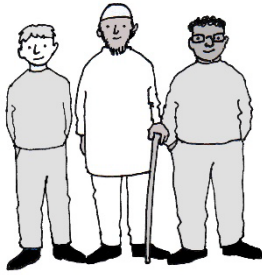
We want the prison to do more to stop drugs getting in.



We want staff to get to know prisoners better. We want them to give prisoners more help.



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



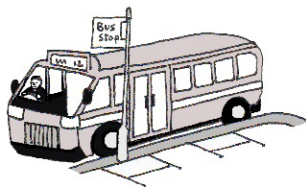
We want all prisoners to be treated fairly.



We want prisoners to keep learning new things in workshops and improving their skills.

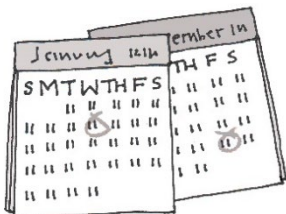


We want there to be more things to encourage prisoners to behave well.



We want prisoners to get more help on the day they are released.

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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