



HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for England and Wales

Annual Report 2011–12

Survey summaries: ethnicity, religion, nationality, disability and age

Background

A survey of a random sample of prisoners or detainees representative of the total population in that establishment is carried out for all full inspections (this includes full announced, full unannounced and full follow-up inspections). The survey results provide one source of evidence for the inspection but when combined also provide comparative information for each functional type of establishment.

The following tables are a full colour version of Appendix 5 of the Annual Report 2011–12. They present the results of questions about ethnicity, religion, nationality, disability and age in surveys relating to inspection reports published between April 2011 and March 2012. The survey comparisons indicate where there are statistically significant differences between the two groups of prisoners compared, for example, white compared with black and minority ethnic prisoners, or British compared with foreign national prisoners.

A key to aid interpretation of the survey data is presented at the top of each table.

Main comparator and comparator to last time



2011-12 survey responses: ethnicity/religion/nationality

Prisoner survey responses (missing data have been excluded for each question). Please note: where there are apparently large differences, which are not indicated as statistically significant, this is likely to be due to chance.

Key to tables

Any percentage highlighted in green is significantly better		Black and minority ethnic prisoners	White prisoners	Muslim prisoners	Non-Muslim prisoners	Foreign national prisoners	British prisoners
Any percentage highlighted in blue is significantly worse							
Percentages which are not highlighted show there is no significant difference							
Number of completed questionnaires returned		1,938	4,265	899	5,262	760	5,352
		%	%	%	%	%	%
1d	When you were in the van, was the attention paid to your health needs good/very good?	28%	30%	28%	30%	34%	29%
3	Were you treated well/very well by the escort staff?	60%	63%	55%	63%	60%	62%
4a	Did you know where you were going when you left court or when transferred from another prison?	75%	81%	75%	80%	66%	81%
1	In the first 24 hours, did staff ask you if you needed help/support with the following:						
1e	Problems contacting family?	45%	48%	45%	47%	49%	47%
1h	Problems feeling depressed/suicidal?	42%	49%	38%	48%	43%	47%
1i	Health problems?	57%	58%	54%	58%	58%	58%
2	When you first arrived:						
2a	Did you have any problems?	73%	69%	74%	69%	75%	69%
3a	Were you seen by a member of health services in reception?	87%	87%	86%	87%	84%	88%
3b	When you were searched in reception, was this carried out in a respectful way?	69%	79%	63%	78%	71%	77%
4	Were you treated well/very well in reception?	54%	62%	50%	61%	58%	59%
7	Within the first 24 hours did you meet any of the following people:						
7b	Someone from health services?	73%	76%	69%	76%	72%	76%
9	Did you feel safe on your first night here?	67%	78%	66%	76%	69%	75%
10	Have you been on an induction course?	88%	87%	87%	87%	86%	87%
1	In terms of your legal rights, is it easy/very easy to:						
1a	Communicate with your solicitor or legal representative?	40%	44%	43%	43%	40%	43%
3	For the wing/unit you are currently on:						
3a	Are you normally offered enough clean, suitable clothes for the week?	50%	52%	50%	52%	61%	50%
3b	Are you normally able to have a shower every day?	79%	83%	81%	82%	81%	82%
3e	Is your cell call bell normally answered within five minutes?	36%	39%	36%	38%	44%	37%
4	Is the food in this prison good/very good?	24%	28%	23%	28%	30%	26%
5	Does the shop/canteen sell a wide enough range of goods to meet your needs?	38%	51%	36%	49%	46%	47%
6a	Is it easy/very easy to get a complaints form?	76%	83%	74%	82%	73%	82%
6b	Is it easy/very easy to get an application form?	81%	87%	79%	86%	80%	86%
9	Have you made a complaint?	49%	47%	53%	46%	41%	49%
13	Are you on the enhanced (top) level of the IEP scheme?	42%	43%	43%	43%	39%	43%
14	Do you feel you have been treated fairly in your experience of the IEP scheme?	42%	54%	39%	52%	38%	52%
15	Do the different levels of the IEP scheme encourage you to change your behaviour?	45%	47%	45%	46%	37%	48%
16a	In the last six months have any members of staff physically restrained you (C&R)?	8%	7%	12%	7%	8%	7%
16b	In the last six months have you spent a night in the segregation/ care and separation unit?	12%	11%	16%	10%	8%	12%

Main comparator and comparator to last time

Key to tables

		Black and minority ethnic prisoners	White prisoners	Muslim prisoners	Non-Muslim prisoners	Foreign national prisoners	British prisoners
	Any percentage highlighted in green is significantly better						
	Any percentage highlighted in blue is significantly worse						
	Percentages which are not highlighted show there is no significant difference						
13a	Do you feel your religious beliefs are respected?	59%	52%	61%	53%	63%	53%
13b	Are you able to speak to a religious leader of your faith in private if you want to?	63%	54%	75%	54%	58%	57%
14	Are you able to speak to a Listener at any time, if you want to?	45%	57%	43%	56%	41%	55%
15a	Is there a member of staff, in this prison, that you can turn to for help if you have a problem?	69%	73%	64%	73%	71%	72%
15b	Do most staff, in this prison, treat you with respect?	64%	73%	60%	72%	71%	70%
1	Have you ever felt unsafe in this prison?	44%	39%	46%	39%	44%	40%
2	Do you feel unsafe in this prison at the moment?	21%	16%	21%	17%	22%	17%
4	Have you been victimised by another prisoner?	20%	21%	20%	21%	25%	20%
5	Since you have been here, has another prisoner:						
5a	Made insulting remarks about you, your family or friends?	7%	11%	7%	10%	9%	10%
5b	Hit, kicked or assaulted you?	5%	7%	5%	6%	5%	6%
5c	Sexually abused you?	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%
5d	Victimised you because of your race or ethnic origin?	7%	2%	8%	3%	9%	3%
5e	Victimised you because of drugs?	1%	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%
5f	Taken your canteen/property?	4%	5%	4%	5%	5%	5%
5g	Victimised you because you were new here?	6%	6%	6%	6%	7%	6%
5h	Victimised you because of your sexuality?	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%
5i	Victimised you because you have a disability?	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
5j	Victimised you because of your religion/religious beliefs?	4%	2%	7%	2%	4%	2%
5k	Victimised you because of your age?	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
5l	Victimised you because you were from a different part of the country?	3%	4%	4%	4%	6%	4%
5m	Victimised you because of your offence/crime?	2%	5%	2%	4%	3%	4%
5n	Victimised you because of gang related issues?	4%	4%	3%	4%	2%	4%
6	Have you been victimised by a member of staff?	33%	22%	39%	23%	24%	26%
7	Since you have been here, has a member of staff:						
7a	Made insulting remarks about you, your family or friends?	12%	10%	13%	10%	6%	11%
7b	Hit, kicked or assaulted you?	4%	3%	5%	3%	2%	4%
7c	Sexually abused you?	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
7d	Victimised you because of your race or ethnic origin?	14%	2%	16%	5%	11%	6%
7e	Victimised you because of drugs?	2%	4%	2%	3%	0%	4%
7f	Victimised you because you were new here?	9%	5%	10%	6%	6%	7%
7g	Victimised you because of your sexuality?	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%
7h	Victimised you because you have a disability?	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%
7i	Victimised you because of your religion/religious beliefs?	8%	2%	16%	2%	3%	4%
7j	Victimised you because of your age?	3%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%
7k	Victimised you because you were from a different part of the country?	4%	3%	5%	3%	5%	3%
7l	Victimised you because of your offence/crime?	5%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%
7m	Victimised you because of gang related issues?	3%	1%	3%	2%	0%	2%

Main comparator and comparator to last time

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		Black and minority ethnic prisoners	White prisoners	Muslim prisoners	Non-Muslim prisoners	Foreign national prisoners	British prisoners
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	Any percentage highlighted in blue is significantly worse						
	Percentages which are not highlighted show there is no significant difference						
For those who have been victimised by staff or other prisoners:							
8	Did you report any victimisation that you have experienced?	39%	36%	40%	36%	40%	36%
9	Have you ever felt threatened or intimidated by another prisoner/ group of prisoners in here?	22%	25%	23%	24%	22%	24%
10	Have you ever felt threatened or intimidated by a member of staff in here?	29%	20%	34%	21%	20%	24%
11	Is it easy/very easy to get illegal drugs in this prison?	16%	28%	19%	25%	15%	25%
1a	Is it easy/very easy to see the doctor?	28%	34%	28%	33%	29%	32%
1b	Is it easy/very easy to see the nurse?	56%	58%	58%	57%	56%	57%
2	Are you able to see a pharmacist?	45%	46%	43%	46%	50%	45%
5	Are you currently taking medication?	37%	51%	39%	48%	37%	48%
7	Do you feel you have any emotional well being/mental health issues?	21%	33%	22%	30%	24%	30%
1	Are you currently involved in any of the following activities:						
1a	A prison job?	47%	57%	47%	55%	47%	55%
1b	Vocational or skills training?	17%	14%	15%	15%	14%	15%
1c	Education (including basic skills)?	37%	26%	37%	28%	44%	28%
1d	Offending behaviour programmes?	13%	13%	14%	13%	9%	14%
3	Do you go to the library at least once a week?	39%	38%	36%	39%	42%	38%
4	On average, do you go to the gym at least twice a week?	56%	45%	55%	47%	46%	49%
5	On average, do you go outside for exercise three or more times a week?	44%	46%	49%	44%	45%	45%
6	On average, do you spend ten or more hours out of your cell on a weekday?	9%	12%	9%	11%	8%	12%
7	On average, do you go on association more than five times each week?	53%	63%	54%	61%	49%	61%
8	Do staff normally speak to you most of the time/all of the time during association?	16%	20%	16%	20%	17%	19%
1	Do you have a personal officer?	56%	64%	58%	62%	56%	62%
9	Have you had any problems with sending or receiving mail?	42%	43%	41%	43%	35%	44%
10	Have you had any problems getting access to the telephones?	34%	30%	37%	30%	32%	31%

Main comparator and comparator to last time



2011-12 survey responses: disability and age

Prisoner survey responses (missing data have been excluded for each question). Please note: where there are apparently large differences, which are not indicated as statistically significant, this is likely to be due to chance.

Key to tables

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Any percentage highlighted in green is significantly better						
Any percentage highlighted in blue is significantly worse						
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Number of completed questionnaires returned		1,055	5,166	1,160	5,111	6,324
		%	%	%	%	%
1d	When you were in the van, was the attention paid to your health needs good/very good?	27%	30%	32%	29%	30%
3	Were you treated well/very well by the escort staff?	59%	63%	60%	62%	62%
4a	Did you know where you were going when you left court or when transferred from another prison?	74%	80%	83%	78%	79%
1	In the first 24 hours, did staff ask you if you needed help/support with the following:					
1e	Problems contacting family?	42%	48%	52%	46%	47%
1h	Problems feeling depressed/suicidal?	47%	47%	49%	46%	47%
1i	Health problems?	59%	58%	58%	58%	58%
2	When you first arrived:					
2a	Did you have any problems?	82%	67%	62%	71%	70%
3a	Were you seen by a member of health services in reception?	84%	88%	89%	87%	87%
3b	When you were searched in reception, was this carried out in a respectful way?	72%	77%	78%	75%	76%
4	Were you treated well/very well in reception?	58%	60%	61%	59%	59%
7	Within the first 24 hours did you meet any of the following people:					
7b	Someone from health services?	73%	75%	75%	75%	75%
9	Did you feel safe on your first night here?	66%	76%	76%	74%	74%
10	Have you been on an induction course?	82%	88%	90%	86%	87%
1	In terms of your legal rights, is it easy/very easy to:					
1a	Communicate with your solicitor or legal representative?	39%	43%	36%	44%	43%
3	For the wing/unit you are currently on:					
3a	Are you normally offered enough clean, suitable clothes for the week?	51%	52%	46%	53%	52%
3b	Are you normally able to have a shower every day?	79%	83%	70%	84%	82%
3e	Is your cell call bell normally answered within five minutes?	39%	38%	38%	38%	38%
4	Is the food in this prison good/very good?	27%	27%	23%	27%	27%
5	Does the shop/canteen sell a wide enough range of goods to meet your needs?	47%	47%	46%	47%	47%
6a	Is it easy/very easy to get a complaints form?	79%	81%	81%	80%	81%
6b	Is it easy/very easy to get an application form?	83%	85%	83%	85%	85%
9	Have you made a complaint?	54%	46%	42%	48%	47%
13	Are you on the enhanced (top) level of the IEP scheme?	37%	44%	27%	45%	43%
14	Do you feel you have been treated fairly in your experience of the IEP scheme?	46%	51%	46%	50%	50%
15	Do the different levels of the IEP scheme encourage you to change your behaviour?	40%	48%	53%	45%	46%
16a	In the last six months have any members of staff physically restrained you (C&R)?	8%	7%	17%	6%	7%
16b	In the last six months have you spent a night in the segregation/care and separation unit?	12%	11%	23%	9%	11%

Main comparator and comparator to last time

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13a	Do you feel your religious beliefs are respected?	54%	54%	50%	55%	54%
13b	Are you able to speak to a religious leader of your faith in private if you want to?	59%	57%	54%	58%	57%
14	Are you able to speak to a Listener at any time, if you want to?	56%	53%	43%	55%	53%
15a	Is there a member of staff, in this prison, that you can turn to for help if you have a problem?	71%	72%	68%	72%	72%
15b	Do most staff, in this prison, treat you with respect?	70%	70%	64%	71%	70%
1	Have you ever felt unsafe in this prison?	55%	37%	40%	41%	41%
2	Do you feel unsafe in this prison at the moment?	28%	16%	17%	18%	18%
4	Have you been victimised by another prisoner?	35%	18%	21%	21%	21%
5	Since you have been here, has another prisoner:					
5a	Made insulting remarks about you, your family or friends?	18%	8%	10%	10%	10%
5b	Hit, kicked or assaulted you?	11%	5%	8%	6%	6%
5c	Sexually abused you?	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%
5d	Victimised you because of your race or ethnic origin?	7%	3%	3%	4%	4%
5e	Victimised you because of drugs?	6%	2%	1%	3%	3%
5f	Taken your canteen/property?	11%	4%	7%	5%	5%
5g	Victimised you because you were new here?	9%	5%	8%	5%	6%
5h	Victimised you because of your sexuality?	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
5i	Victimised you because you have a disability?	10%	0%	2%	2%	2%
5j	Victimised you because of your religion/religious beliefs?	4%	2%	2%	3%	2%
5k	Victimised you because of your age?	5%	1%	2%	2%	2%
5l	Victimised you because you were from a different part of the country?	6%	4%	6%	4%	4%
5m	Victimised you because of your offence/crime?	8%	3%	2%	4%	4%
5n	Victimised you because of gang related issues?	6%	3%	6%	3%	4%
6	Have you been victimised by a member of staff?	32%	24%	22%	26%	26%
7	Since you have been here, has a member of staff:					
7a	Made insulting remarks about you, your family or friends?	14%	10%	10%	11%	11%
7b	Hit, kicked or assaulted you?	6%	3%	6%	3%	4%
7c	Sexually abused you?	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
7d	Victimised you because of your race or ethnic origin?	7%	6%	4%	7%	6%
7e	Victimised you because of drugs?	6%	3%	2%	4%	3%
7f	Victimised you because you were new here?	6%	7%	6%	7%	6%
7g	Victimised you because of your sexuality?	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
7h	Victimised you because you have a disability?	8%	1%	1%	2%	2%
7i	Victimised you because of your religion/religious beliefs?	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%
7j	Victimised you because of your age?	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%
7k	Victimised you because you were from a different part of the country?	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%
7l	Victimised you because of your offence/crime?	5%	4%	3%	4%	4%
7m	Victimised you because of gang related issues?	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%

Main comparator and comparator to last time

Key to tables

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For those who have been victimised by staff or other prisoners:						
8	Did you report any victimisation that you have experienced?	46%	35%	33%	37%	37%
9	Have you ever felt threatened or intimidated by another prisoner/ group of prisoners in here?	39%	21%	25%	24%	24%
10	Have you ever felt threatened or intimidated by a member of staff in here?	31%	22%	20%	24%	24%
11	Is it easy/very easy to get illegal drugs in this prison?	31%	22%	18%	25%	24%
1a	Is it easy/very easy to see the doctor?	33%	32%	37%	31%	32%
1b	Is it easy/very easy to see the nurse?	62%	56%	61%	57%	57%
2	Are you able to see a pharmacist?	39%	47%	45%	45%	46%
5	Are you currently taking medication?	76%	40%	24%	50%	46%
7	Do you feel you have any emotional well being/mental health issues?	57%	23%	23%	30%	29%
1	Are you currently involved in any of the following activities:					
1a	A prison job?	50%	54%	38%	56%	53%
1b	Vocational or skills training?	12%	16%	14%	15%	15%
1c	Education (including basic skills)?	28%	30%	35%	29%	30%
1d	Offending behaviour programmes?	12%	13%	9%	14%	13%
3	Do you go to the library at least once a week?	37%	38%	30%	39%	38%
4	On average, do you go to the gym at least twice a week?	31%	52%	58%	47%	49%
5	On average, do you go outside for exercise three or more times a week?	39%	46%	50%	44%	45%
6	On average, do you spend ten or more hours out of your cell on a weekday?	8%	12%	6%	12%	11%
7	On average, do you go on association more than five times each week?	54%	61%	48%	61%	59%
8	Do staff normally speak to you most of the time/all of the time during association?	20%	19%	18%	19%	19%
1	Do you have a personal officer?	61%	61%	59%	61%	61%
9	Have you had any problems with sending or receiving mail?	44%	43%	48%	42%	43%
10	Have you had any problems getting access to the telephones?	32%	31%	35%	31%	31%

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