

Wayland is a very good training prison with a good record on safety, respect, purposeful activity and resettlement, Anne Owers, HM Chief Inspector of Prisons said today, publishing an announced inspection report on the prison.

Anne Owers said:

"This inspection records a very good training prison. Over 90% of prisoners were involved in some activity each day. Allocation to work was based upon prisoners' needs and skills. A good range of training qualifications was available. Impressive resettlement services were provided by a combination of prison and voluntary staff.

"All our recommendations on drugs had been achieved, and the strategy was driving work in this area. The The prison unusually, but importantly, had an alcohol abuse strategy.

"Wayland's work raises wider questions for the Prison Service and the National Offender Management Service. First, how to replicate this good practice throughout the system so that a prisoner's experience of custody and release is not a geographical lottery. Second, how to follow it up with support in the community, so that the work done has lasting results."

The inspection found that staff were responsive to the needs of prisoners, and there were good systems to challenge bullies and support vulnerable prisoners. Prisoners were held in a respectful environment, underpinned by very good staff-prisoner relationships. There was a wide range of activity for prisoners with available spaces maximised and a wide range of accreditation on offer.

However, there were areas that needed improvement. The quality of racial monitoring information, and action arising from it, needed improvement. More support was needed for foreign nationals. And increased management attention and support for the introduction of OASyS (offender assessment system) was required.

In conclusion, Anne Owers said:

"Wayland is one of several good training prisons recently inspected. They show what can be achieved, despite current population pressures. These achievements, particularly the hard work of staff and managers, are rarely publicised."

Commenting on the report, Prison Service Director General Phil

Wheatley said:

"Wayland is a thoroughly successful training prison that is respectful, decent and humane.

"It has an effective and innovative resettlement policy, a committed staff and management team and excellent links with the community.

"The issues raised by the Chief Inspector are already being addressed. A full time race relations liaison officer has been appointed, ethnic monitoring data is reviewed weekly by the governor and remedial action taken where necessary, and the introduction of OASyS is being accorded the appropriate level of priority."

Notes to editors:

1. The unannounced [follow up inspection of HMP Wayland](#) took place on 8-10 June 2004.
2. Wayland is a category C training prison.
3. Prison Inspectorate reports and press releases are available from <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/justice/prisons/inspprisons>.