



Are all women prisoners being treated equally and fairly?

Please answer our survey questions and let us know how well you are treated.



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Who are we?



We visit prisons to make sure people are treated equally and fairly.



We are called the Independent Monitoring Board or IMB for short.



We are volunteers and not a part of the prison.



We can go anywhere we want to in prisons and can ask to see any information we want.



You can ask to see us if you have a problem and think you are being treated unfairly, to do this leave a message in the IMB box on your wing or houseblock.



You do not have to tell staff and will not be punished for seeing us.

We will keep you up to date on what we do.

About this survey



Some groups of people are not treated as equally and fairly as other white British people.



This could be because you are Asian, black, Gypsy or from another country.



If you are in one of these or any other group treated unfairly we want to hear from you.



We want to hear about good things as well as any problems.



We will use what you say to try and make things better.



Please only tell us things about the prison you are in now.

Keeping your information private



At the Independent Monitoring Board we will keep your information private and safe. It will be destroyed when we have finished this work in 3 years or sooner.



Your information is just for this work we are doing with the University of Roehampton research team and the Criminal Justice Alliance charity. No one else will see it.



We will write a report at the end of the work. This will not show anyone's names or details.



If you change your mind about us having your information please tell us and we will destroy it.

When you have filled in the questions



When you have told us all you want to, please put the survey in the IMB box. There is one on every wing or houseblock.

Any questions



If you have any questions please get in touch with your local IMB.

Are all women prisoners being treated equally and fairly?

Questions



1. Are you happy for us to see and use your information?

Yes

No



2. How well are you treated by prison staff?

Very good

Good

Poor

Very poor

Unsure



Please tell us more if you want to:



3. Do you think some groups of people are treated better or worse than other white British people?
Please tick the box best for you

		Treated better	Treated worse	Treated the same	Not sure
	Getting a Release on Temporary Licence (ROTL)				
	Making decisions, called Adjudications				
	Going to education or training				
	Getting healthcare or mental health support				
	Getting a Home Detention Curfew (HDC)				
	Getting a job in the prison				
	Having visits and calls with your family				
	Getting Earned Privileges (IEPs) or other good things				



If you have ticked any treated worse box please tell us why.



4. How well does the prison understand any special needs you have because of the group you belong to? This could be things like different food or clothing for your religion.

Very good

Good

Poor

Very poor

Unsure



Please tell us more if you want to:

Staff



5. Are there any staff from the same background as you?

Yes

No I don't think there are any



6. Can you talk to them?

Yes

Yes and I have talked to them

No



Please tell us more if you want to:



7. Do you feel staff who are not white and British can talk to prisoners who belong to other groups of people?

Yes

No



Please tell us more if you want to:



Being treated equally and fairly

8. Have you been treated unequally and unfairly in prison?

Yes

No

If yes was it by:



Staff



Another prisoner



Someone else

Please tell us more if you want to:



9. If you said yes, did you report it using the Discrimination form called a DIRF?

Yes

No



Please tell us more if you want to:



Making a complaint

10. Have you heard about the IMB and what we do before this survey?

Yes

No





If yes, did you know what we do?

Yes

No



11. Have you ever got in touch with the IMB?

Yes

No

Please tell us more if you want to:



?



12. Who would you go to if you wanted to talk to someone about your race, religion, or culture?

Please tick all you might go to.

imb Independent Monitoring Boards



The IMB

Another prisoner with the job of being a peer equality representative



The prison council



The prison equality lead

Chaplaincy



Other

Please tell us more if you want to:





13. Have you ever talked about a problem with any of these?

Yes

No

Please tell us more if you want to:



What is the prison doing to make sure people are treated equally and fairly



14. Do you know if the prison is doing anything for prisoners from groups sometimes treated unfairly?

Yes

No

Please tell us more if you want to:





15. Have you had the chance to join in any events or activities for groups sometimes treated unfairly?

Yes

No



Please tell us more if you want to:



16. Thinking about the group you belong to, what events and activities would you like to see in your prison?

Families

17. What more could the prison do to meet the religious and cultural needs of your family?

Please tick all that would help you.



More contact with your family in other countries by phone or video calls



More support for family members who do not speak English well



Extra visits around religious holidays

More food that suits your culture on visits



More information for families in other languages

Other



Please tell us more if you want to:



18. Has a relative or friend ever been treated unequally and unfairly because of the group they belong to?

Yes

No



19. Have you ever been told by staff to not speak in a foreign language in prison?

Yes

No

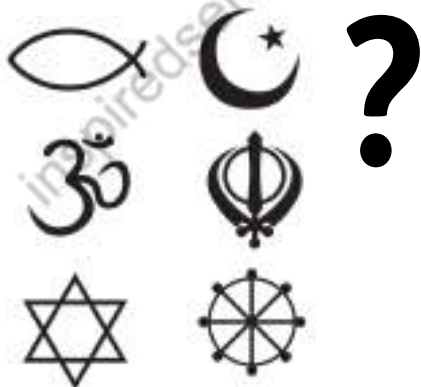


Please tell us more if you want to:



Chaplaincy

Every prison has a chaplaincy. This is a group of people with different faiths who are there to help you. It does not matter if you are a different religion.



20. Does the chaplaincy meet your religious needs?

Yes all of them

Some of them

No

I don't have any religious needs



21. What could be done to meet your religious needs better?

Language

22. If you don't speak English do you:



Get support from another prisoner who speaks your language



Get support from a staff member who speaks your language



Use the language line/telephone translation service



Interpreters

Other say below



23. Has prison offered you an English course?

Yes

No



If yes how long did you have to wait for it to start?



24. Have you ever supported another prisoner with their language problems?

Yes

No





Please tell us more if you want to:



25. What could be done to help prisoners with information in prison?



Food

26. Does the prison meet your cultural or religious food needs?

Yes

No

Please tell us more if you want to:



27. How much does the food for people from other groups cost?

Too much

A fair price

Not sure



Please tell us more if you want to:



Other



28. Have you had support from any of these:



Muslim Women in Prison Project

Zahid Mubarek Trust



Muslim Women's Network

Hibiscus



Southall Black Sisters



Stand Against Racism and Inequality



The Traveller Movement

Other please say who)



29. is there anything else you want to tell us?



A bit about you



1. What prison are you in?



2. How old are you?



3. Is English your main language?

Yes

No



4. If no, what is your main language?



5. What religion are you:

Christian

Islam

Hinduism

Sikhism

Judaism

Buddhism

X

Atheist

Don't want to say

?

Other - Please say

6. Do you see yourself as:



White

Welsh / English / Scottish / Northern
Irish / British

Irish

Gypsy or Irish Traveller

Any other White background – please say



Mixed

White and Black Caribbean

White and Black African

White and Asian

Any other Mixed / Multiple ethnic background – please say



Asian / Asian British

Indian

Pakistani

Bangladeshi

Chinese

Any other Asian background – please say



Black / African / Caribbean / Black British

African

Caribbean

Any other Black / African / Caribbean background – please say



Other ethnic group

Arab

Any other ethnic group – please say



Thank you so much for letting us know what you think.



Please put these answer sheet in the envelope and post it in the IMB box on your wing or houseblock



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