

#### Site

HMP Liverpool

#### Name of project / initiative

DIY-SOS: The Big Liverpool Refresh

#### Overview

Following the HMIP inspection report which highlighted the poor conditions for staff and prisoners at the jail, Liverpool instituted the Refresh project, involving staff, prisoners, Amey (the facilities management provider) and third-party contractors to turn the prison around. The collective efforts, and the involvement of prisoners especially, enabled the prison environment to be transformed far more quickly and cost effectively (saving at least £200k) than would otherwise have been possible.

#### Longevity

2018-2019

#### Benefits

As well as speeding up the process and saving money, the engagement of prisoners in the process helped to improve relations with staff and ensure a sense of "ownership" of the outcomes on the prisoners' part.

#### Uniqueness

An excellent example of an approach which some other prisons have also taken

#### Applicability

While Liverpool's circumstances may have been unique, the principle of involving the prison community as a whole in improving the working and living environment could certainly be applied elsewhere.

#### Requirements

Funding would certainly be required, but the level of funding required would depend on the scale of the project.

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