

Site

HMP Full Sutton

Name of project / initiative

See the light

Overview

A project to refurbish and, where necessary, replace faded Perspex windows across the prison. At HMP Full Sutton we're aware of the impact of the environment on prisoners and staff and we want to make the site the best it can be. The prison was built in 1987 with Perspex windows across the whole establishment including in the corridors, the offices and across all residential and cell windows. Over 34 years, the Perspex has become frosted through light damage to such a degree that there was very limited visibility. We started a project involving a CM, an Officer and two prisoners whereby the windows were removed and refurbished using a process seen on YouTube. A small number of tools and equipment were purchased and processes were put in place to remove the windows, take them to a small area which was designated to sand them down and then slowly and delicately re-polish them. The difference was amazing – brightening the prison and offering staff and prisoners views over the outside areas, grass and skies, which were not visible before.

Longevity

A recent, but ongoing initiative

Benefits

Feedback shows the project has had a significant impact on both staff and prisoners.

Uniqueness

We believe this is the only prison doing this.

Applicability

The need is great and widespread – this initiative is replicable everywhere.

Requirements

Needs someone with commitment to drive this forward – and an industrial sander for those that are rescuable, and small cost for those that can't – but it doesn't need any other special equipment and is not expensive.

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See also: <https://www.theknowledgeexchange.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Full-Sutton-HMP-1-attach.pdf>

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