



Ministry
of Justice

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Age Appropriate Solutions

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Older Prisoners – A Definition

An older offender is generally defined as someone involved in the Criminal Justice System who are aged 50 or over.

Older prisoners in the Criminal Justice System are a hidden and little-recognised population, which few people would identify as the fastest growing section of the of the population involved in the UK's criminal justice system.

In absolute terms, the number of prisoners over the age of 50 nearly trebled between 2002 (more than 4,800) and 2016 (nearly 12,600).

England & Wales Current Population

Age

15 – 17	567
18 – 20	4,168
21 – 24	9,251
25 – 29	14,648

Age

30 – 39	26,180
40 – 49	14,795
50 – 59	8,686
60+	5,138

Total 83,433



Over 50's by Security Category

Category A	291
Category B	2451
Category C	7838
Category D	1750
Female	466
High Risk Cat A	10
Potential Cat A	9
Unconvicted	897
Uncategorised	112



Statistics

- There were 13,376 over 50's in June 17, there will be 14,800 by June 2021
- Over 70's will go from 1,599 to 2,100
- Older prisoners currently make up 17% of the overall population; up from 10% in 2011
- Of the 54% of older prisoners estimated to have a disability, 28% were estimated to have some form of physical disability, 15% anxiety and depression and 11% both
- Changes in sentencing practices toward longer custodial sentences mean that more people are growing older in prison



Prisons and Probation Ombudsman

In June 2017 the PPO highlighted concerns over the challenges in managing an ageing population in the environments built for younger men.

Some of the key findings have been;

- *institutional thoughtlessness' when it comes to regimes and the 'core day'*
- *A lack of availability of activities for older prisoners*
- *Those past retirement age that choose not to work are often confined to their cells and earn less than working prisoners for essentials such as*



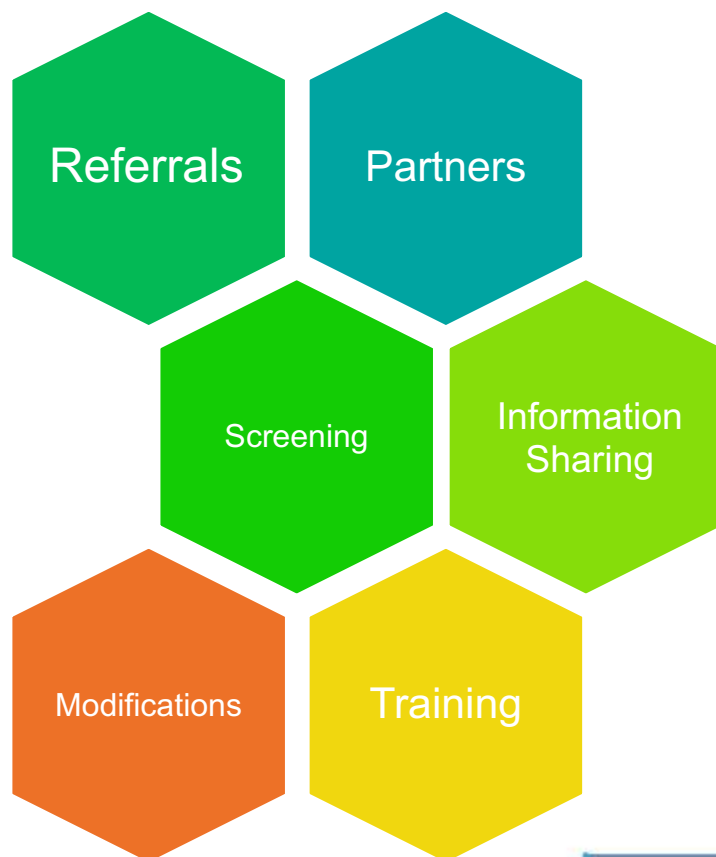
Current Position

- Few prison cells are adapted to meet the needs of older or disabled prisoners
- 'a one size fits all approach to diet, exercise and medical treatment is outmoded and is effectively a form of age discrimination'
- Many older prisoners have lost contact with friends and family, and often do not have a home to return to on release
- Individual institutions sometimes lack the resources and specialist knowledge to meet older people health and social care requirements



Losing Track of Time - 2013

The aims of the report were to scope existing research on treating and managing male offenders with cognitive impairment to identify and share examples of good practice employed by a handful of prisons around the globe. Source: Mental Health Foundation



Losing track of time

Dementia and the ageing prison population: treatment challenges and examples of good practice

Adam Moll



Practical Solutions

Money



Education



Lead Nurse



Building Age Appropriate Prisons



Building New Prisons

We are creating

- Modern
- Fit for purpose
- Safe and secure environments
- Facilitates prisoner reform
- Reduces reoffending



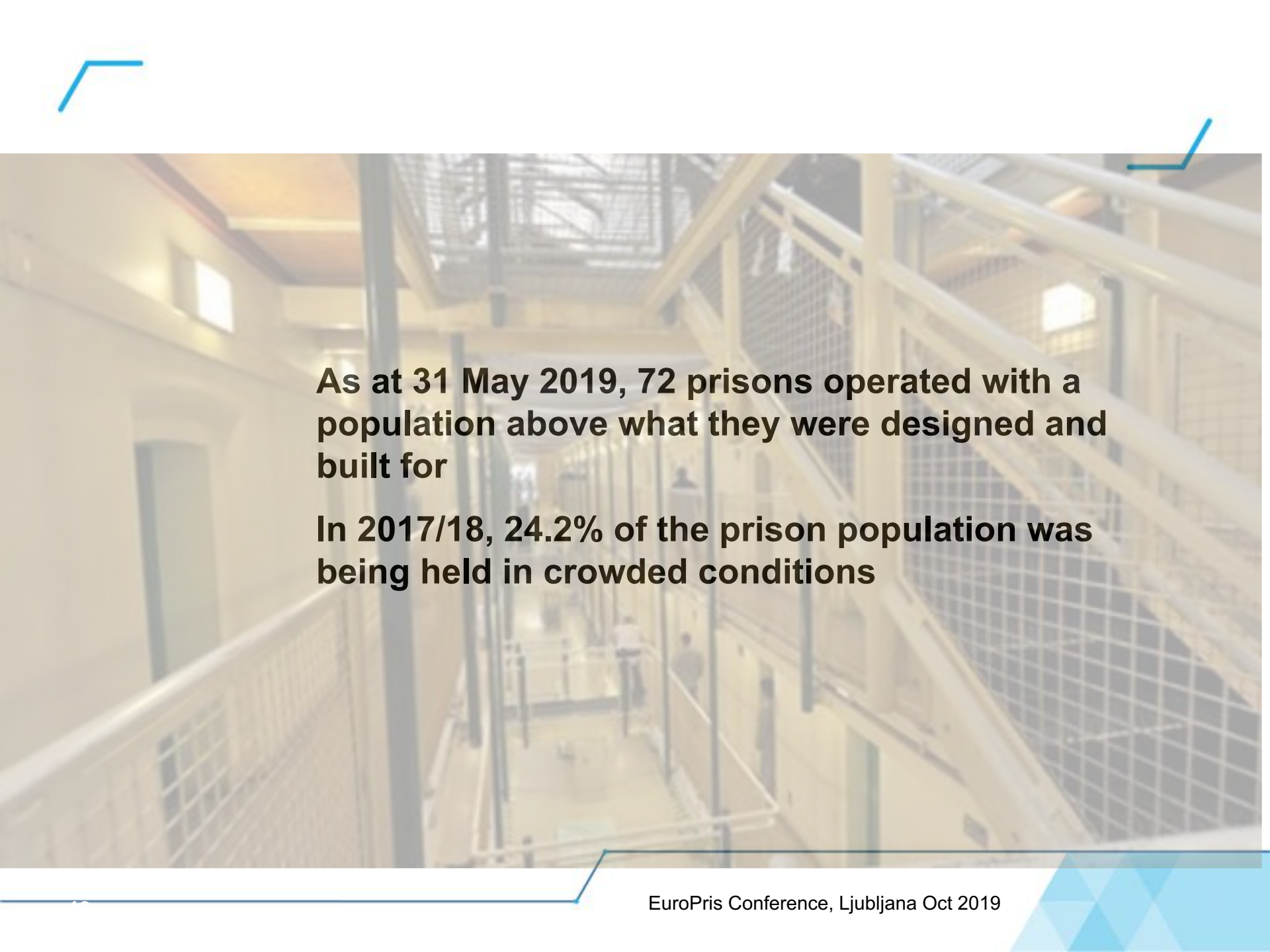


The Prison Estate

A significant proportion of the estate needs investment to bring it up to an acceptable level

Difficult to run a modern regime in a 200 year old prison

Major investment needed in over 40% of the estate to bring it up to standard



As at 31 May 2019, 72 prisons operated with a population above what they were designed and built for

In 2017/18, 24.2% of the prison population was being held in crowded conditions



HMP Berwyn – North Wales

**2,106 men
in three houses**

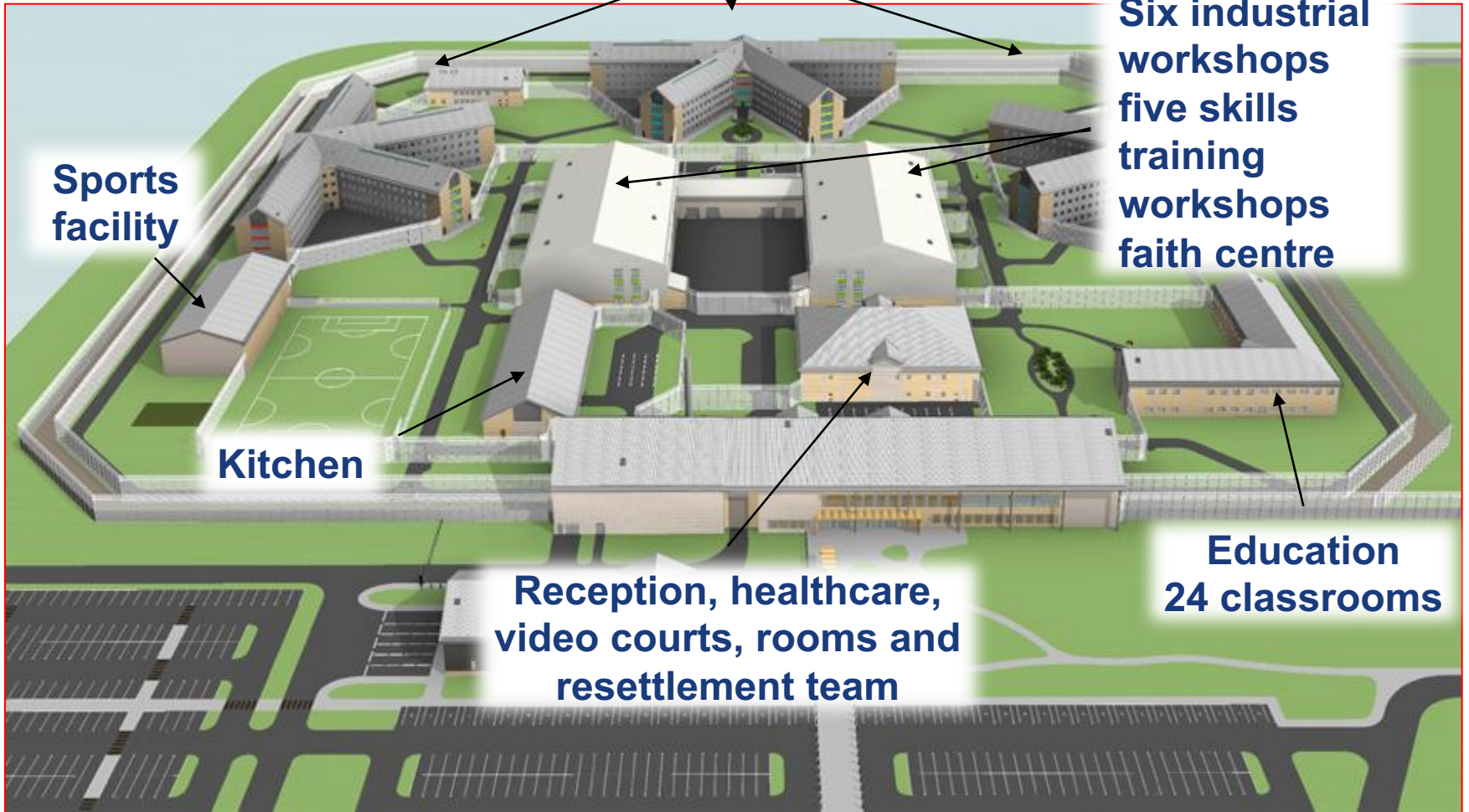
**Sports
facility**

Kitchen

**Reception, healthcare,
video courts, rooms and
resettlement team**

**Six industrial
workshops
five skills
training
workshops
faith centre**

**Education
24 classrooms**



The First of a New Generation



Modelling of Wellingborough Prison



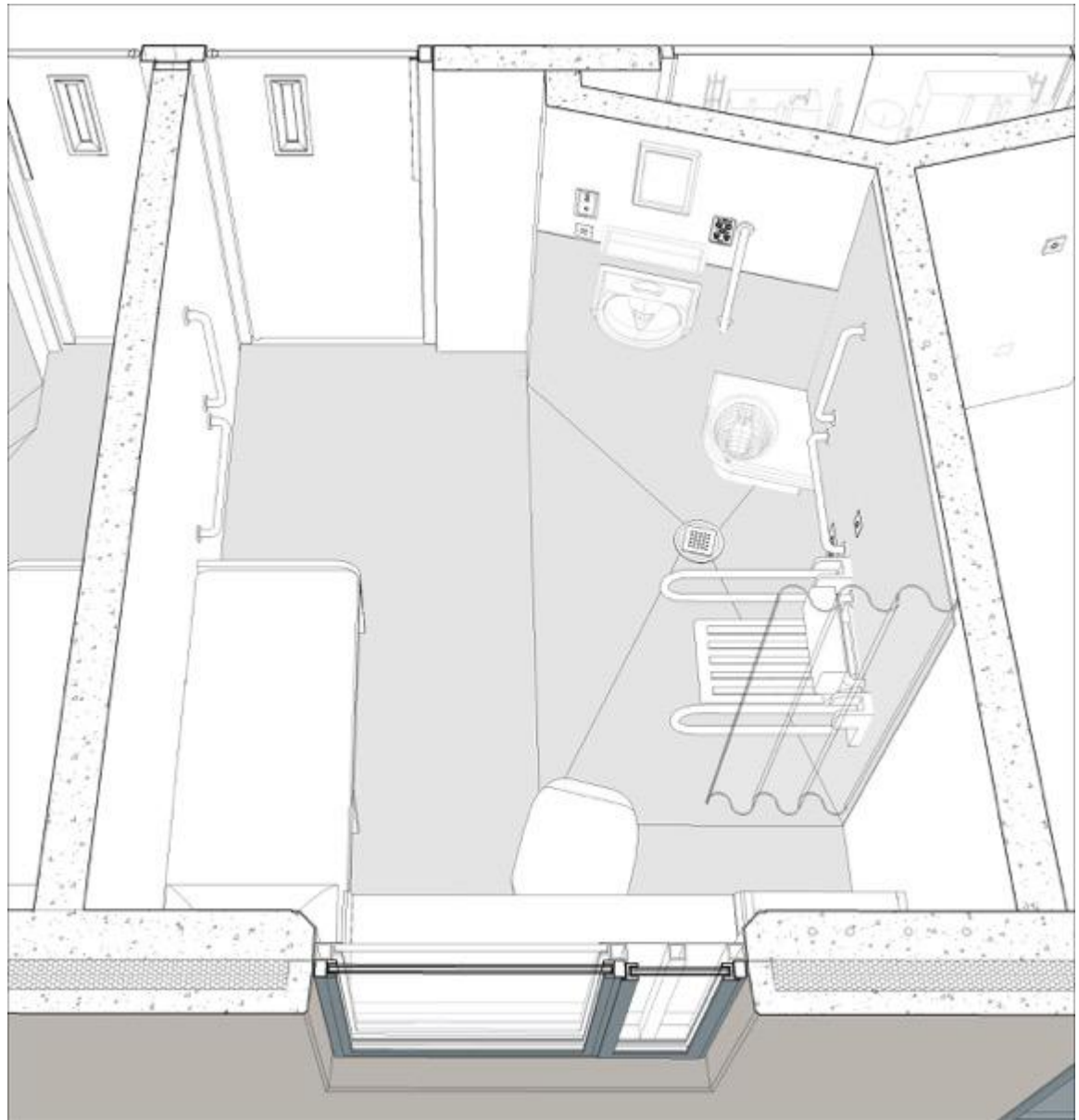


Design



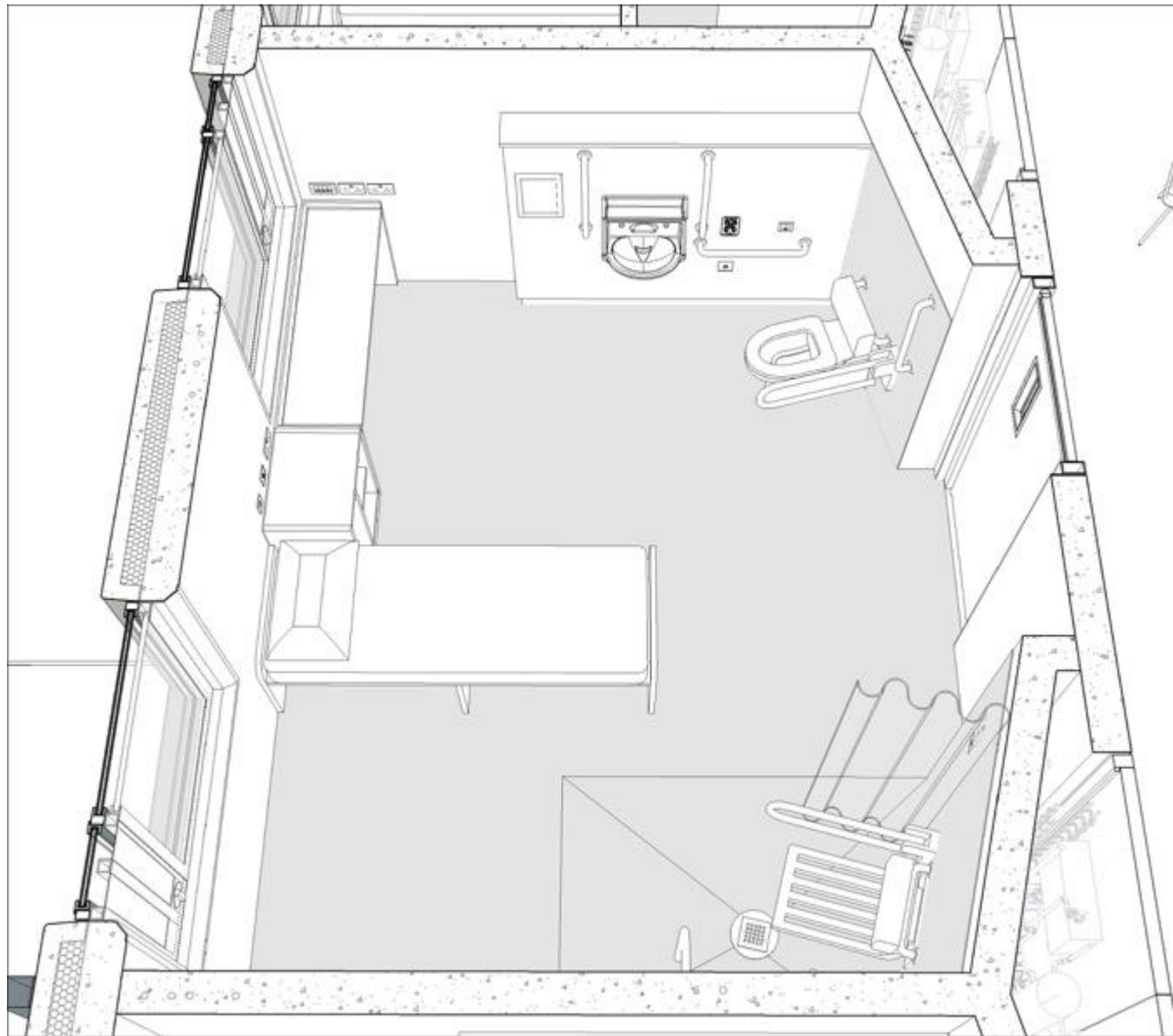
Low Mobility Cells

- Wet Room Shower
- Low level desk and data points
- Hand rails and adapted furniture
- Wider Door
- Wheelchair accessible



Medical Cells

- 14 Medical Rooms in the prison
- Double width
- Central Bed for better access
- Low level furniture
- Wet Shower area
- Handrails and adapted furniture
- Wider Door
- Wheelchair accessible



Entry Reception



Visits Hall



Support Services Building



The Future?

- *Increase in length of term served from half to two thirds*
- *20,000 new Police Officers*
- *Capacity Program*
- *Up To £2.5bn (2.8bn Euro)*

When a flower
doesn't bloom,
you fix the environment
in which it grows,
not the flower.

Alexander Den Heijer



Spirit Science





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Thank You



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