



HM Prison &  
Probation Service

# Preparing for an Ofsted Inspection

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# Aims

- “Set the scene”
- Refer to Ofsted session appropriately
- Summarise Ofsted handbook..... informally
- Help identify what’s of greatest importance
- Provide practical hints & tips
- Encourage some personal action planning

# Scene Setting

Ofsted inspect **education, skills & work**. They usually inspect with HMIP.

Criteria clearly defined in current handbook

Context of your prison important

**Focus: impact of leadership & management on quality of provision & prisoners' progress/outcomes**

# “Education, Skills & Work” - Scope?

- Prison Education Framework (PEF)
- Information, Advice & Guidance (IAG)
- Any other Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) commissioned activity
- Prison workshops
- Prison work – kitchen, wing work, peer mentors, orderlies/”red bands”, Clothing Exchange Stores, horticulture, waste management, cleaning
- Any qualifications delivered by prison staff
- Any ROTL based work or learning

## Ofsted's criteria: Points to note

**Impact** of  
leadership &  
management

Progress  
since last  
inspection

Adapt to new  
Handbook  
from Jan 20

# Current Ofsted Handbook: Informal Summary

2. Basic strategy in place to meet need and “enable” provision within establishment

1. Prisoners’ and labour market needs identified, together with ambitions for prisoners.

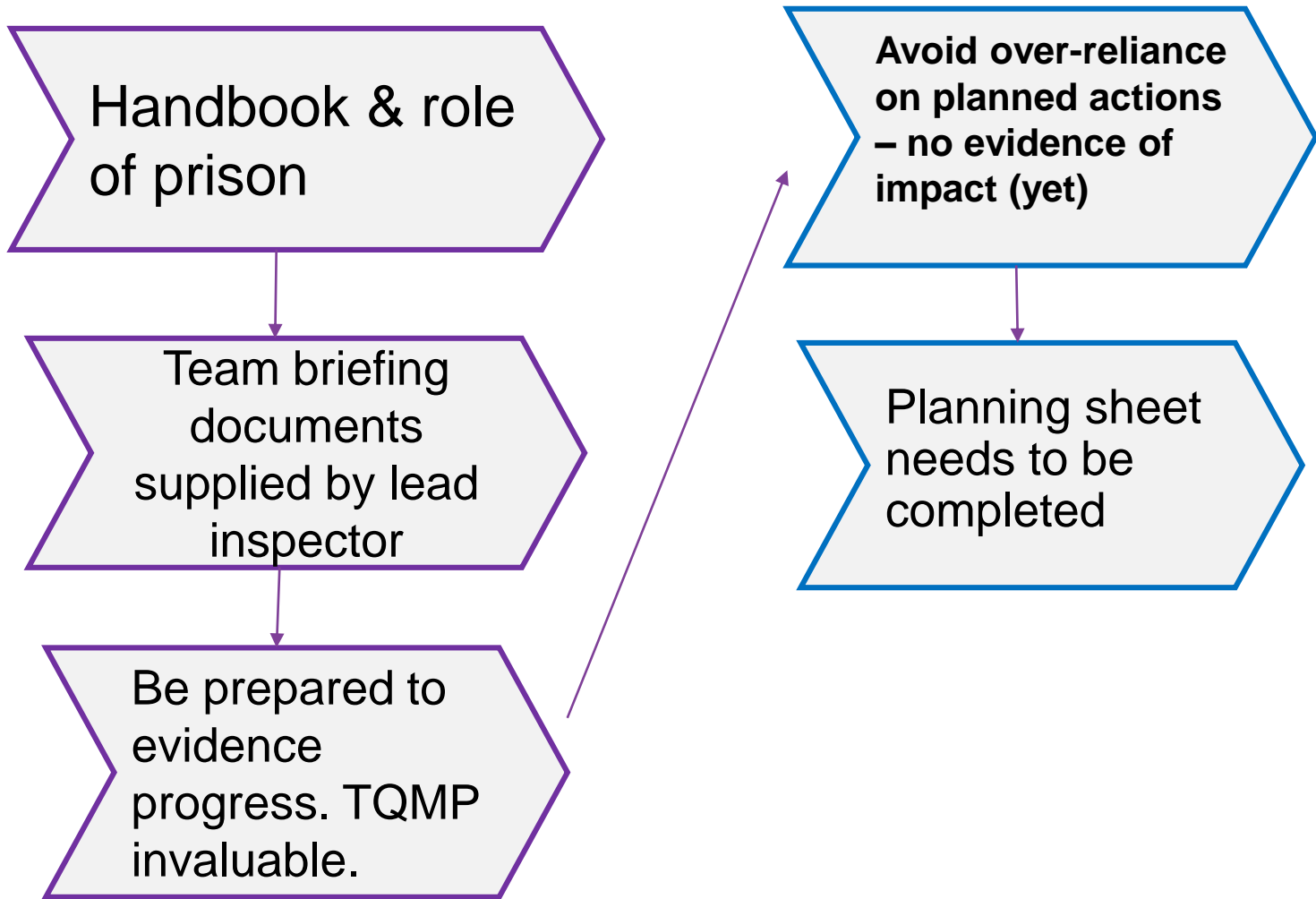
3. Self assessment & QI action plan with SMART targets and milestones

4. Leadership & management improve quality, outcomes & personal development & behaviour. Includes prisoners’ functional English/maths, personal & employability skills

## So what's important?

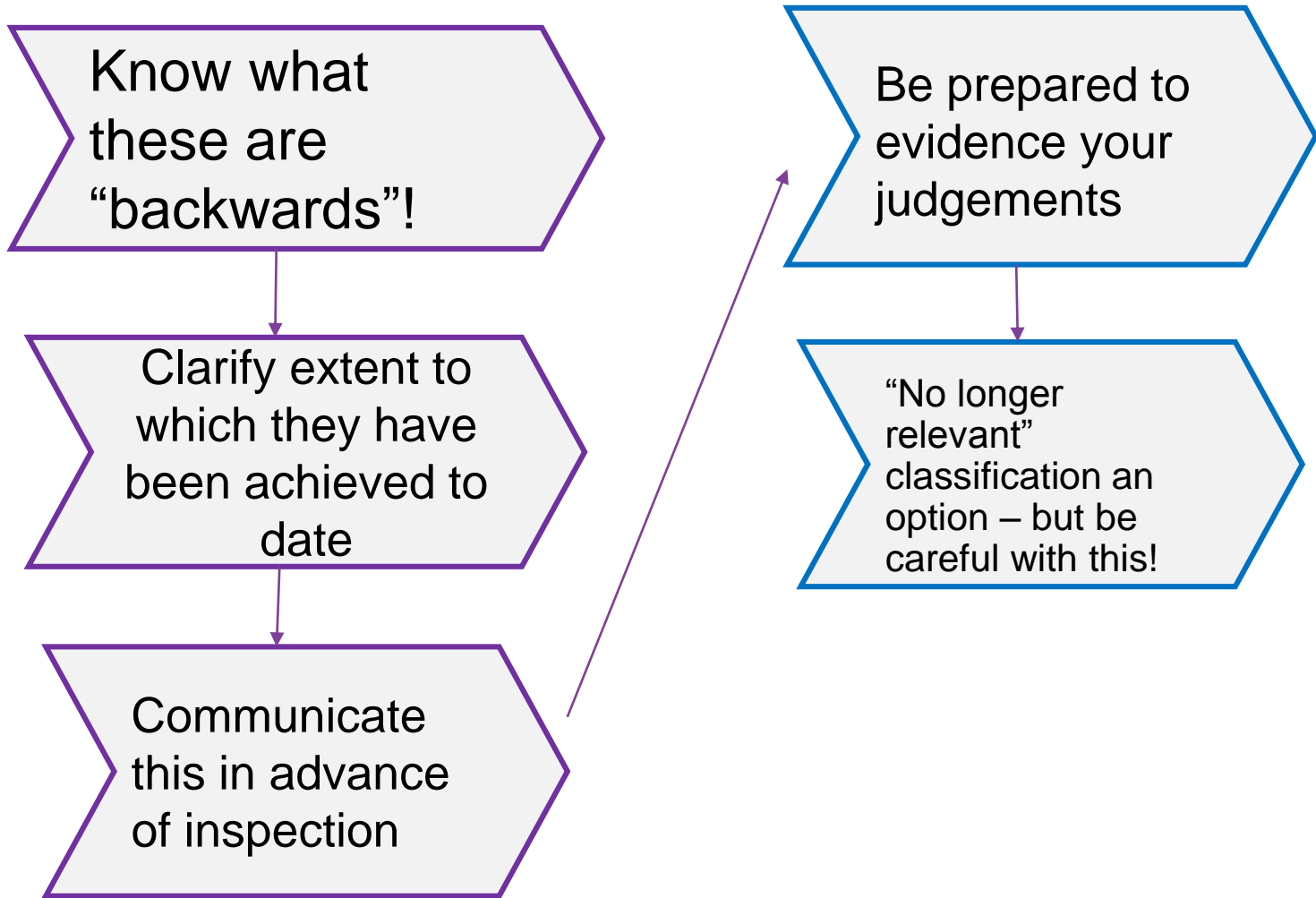
- Understanding context and focus of this inspection
- Accurate progress update on recommendations from last inspection
- Self-Assessment Report (SAR) & Quality Improvement (QI) action plan
- Position Statement & opening presentation (optional)
- Briefing managers, staff and prisoners
- Practical arrangements inc. support arrangements
- HMIP Survey

# 1. Context & Focus of this Inspection

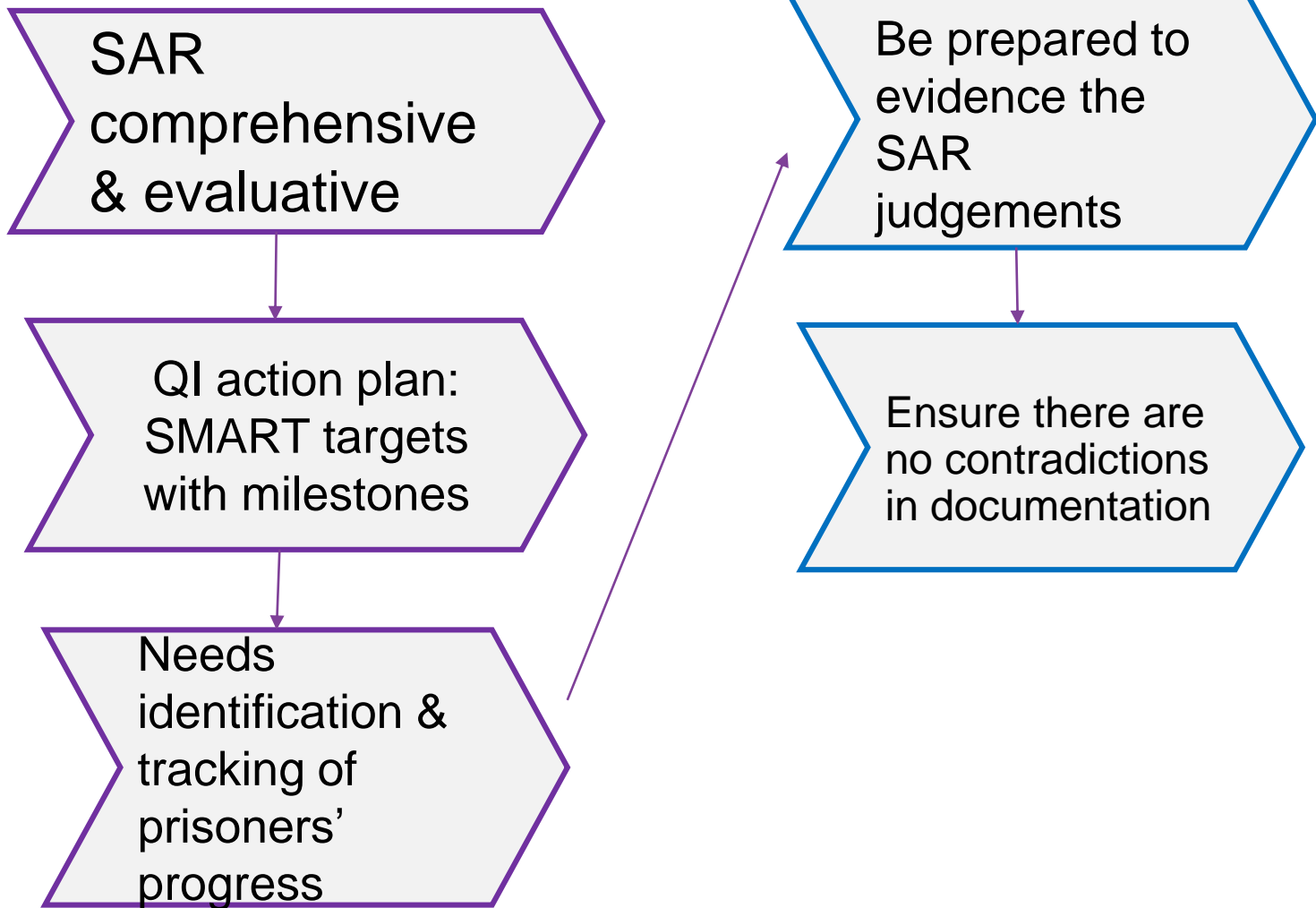




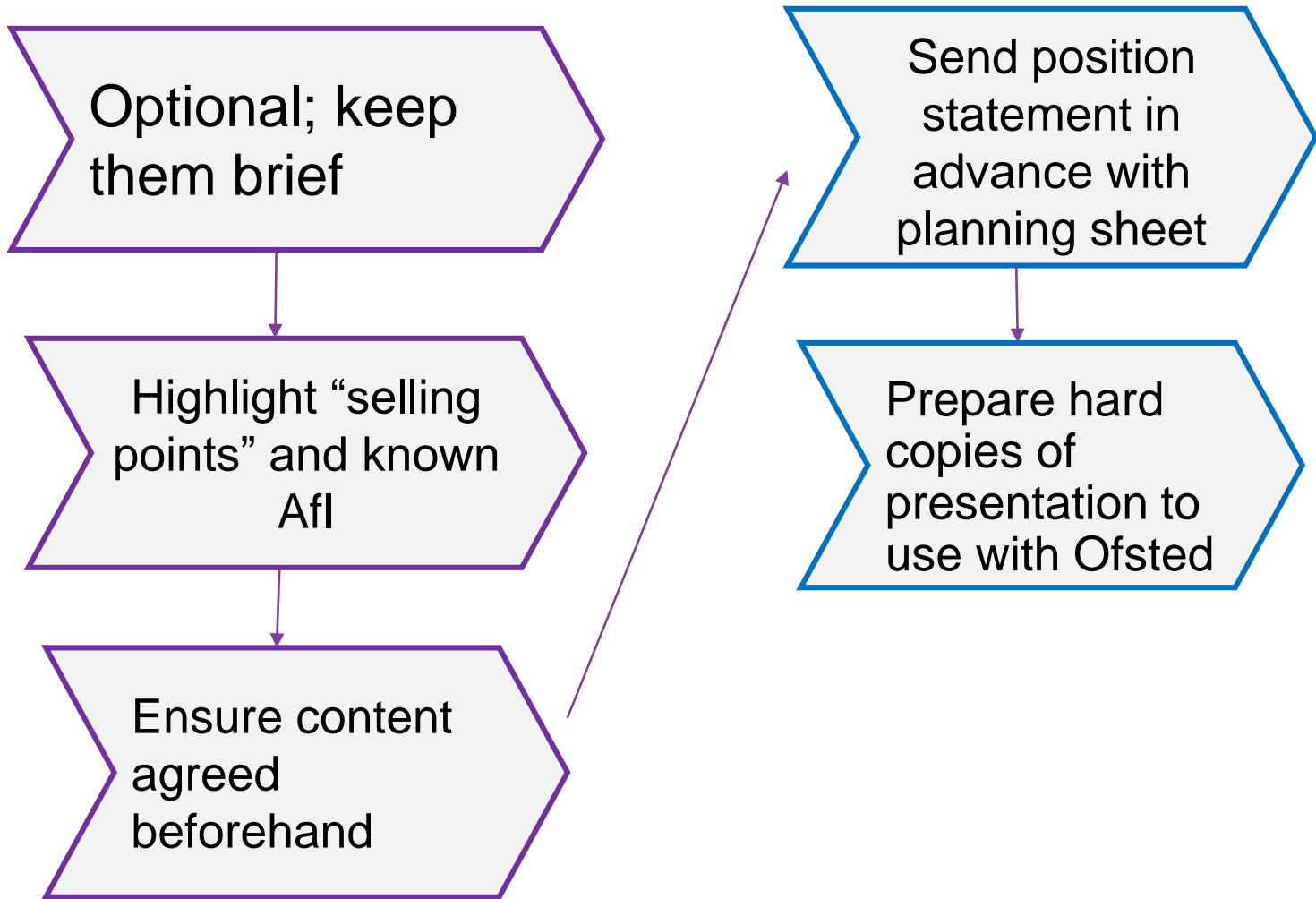
## 2. Recommendations from Last Inspection



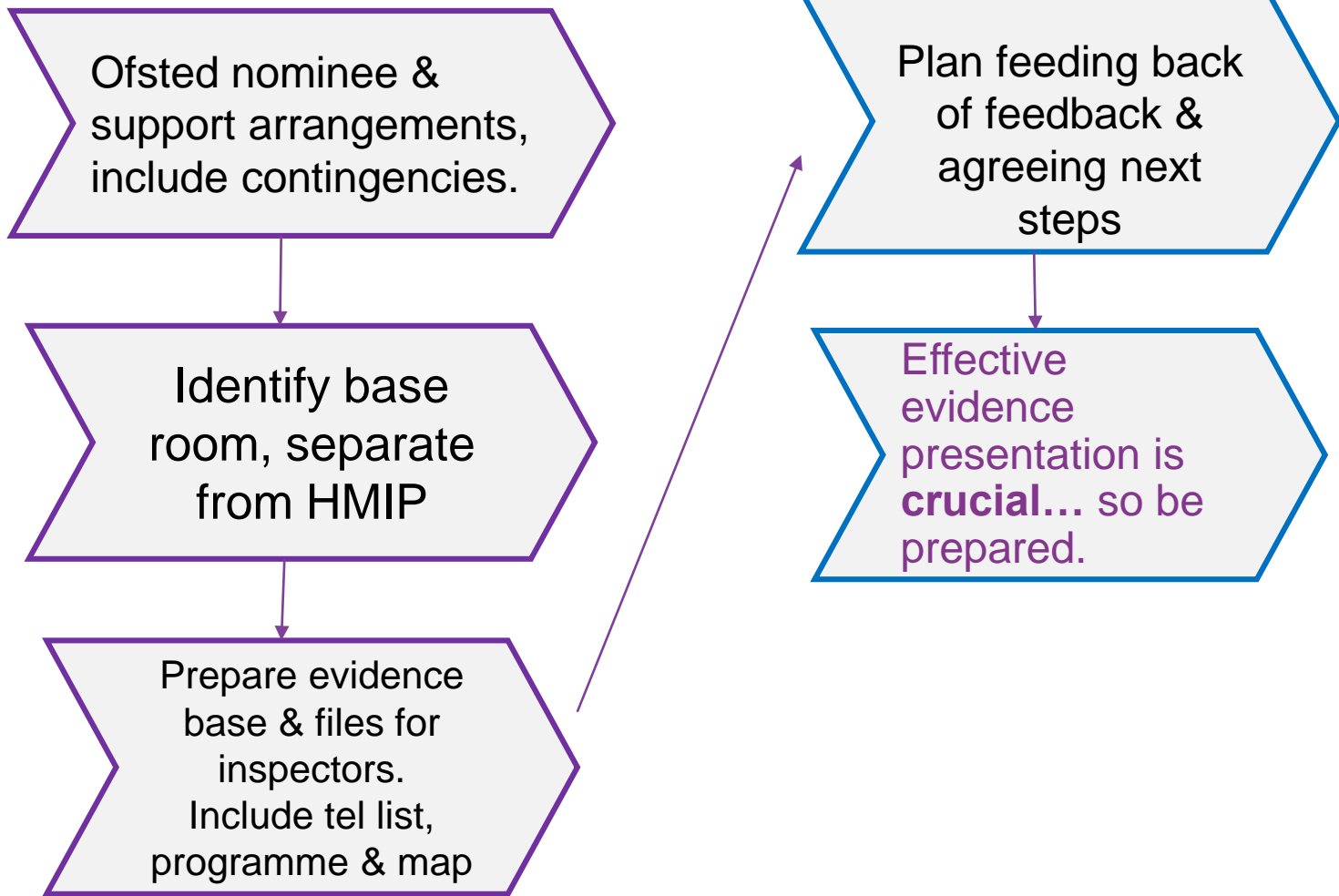
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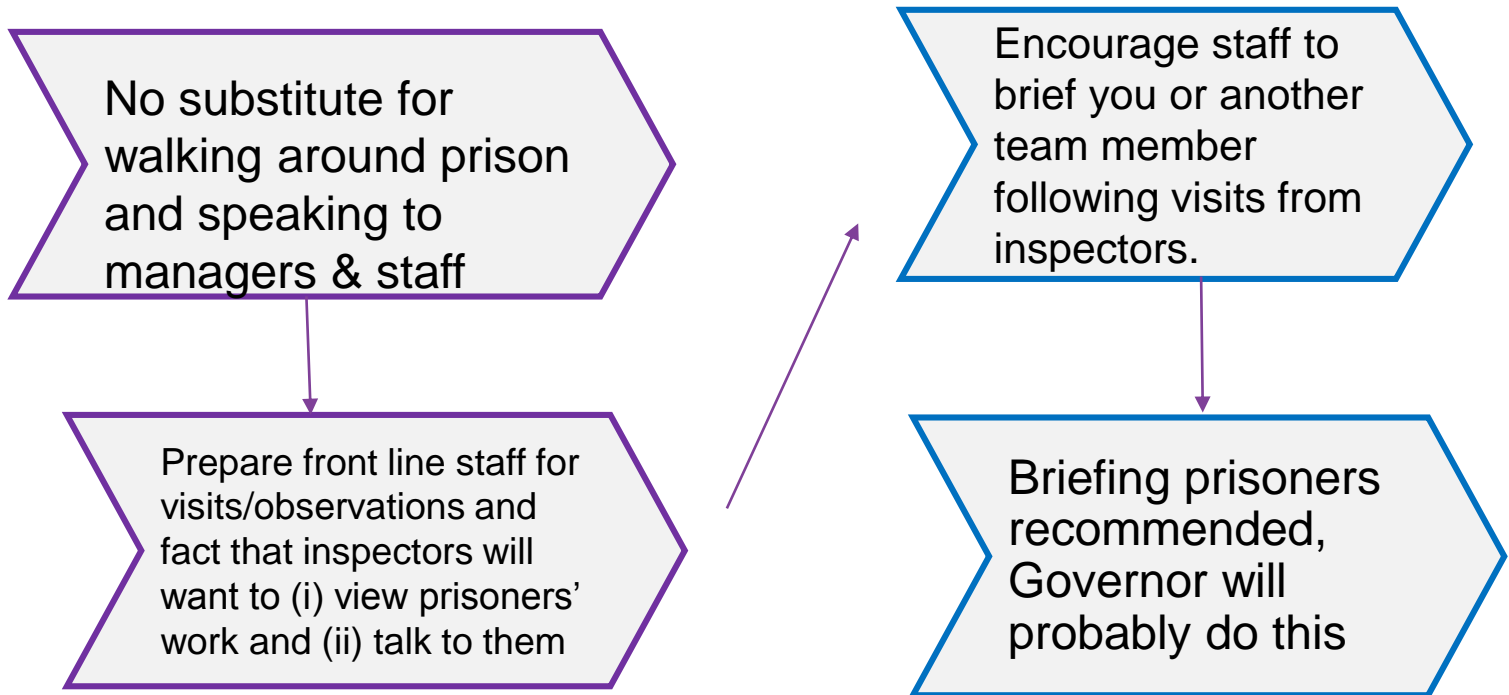
## 4. Position Statement & Opening Presentation



## 5. Practical Arrangements

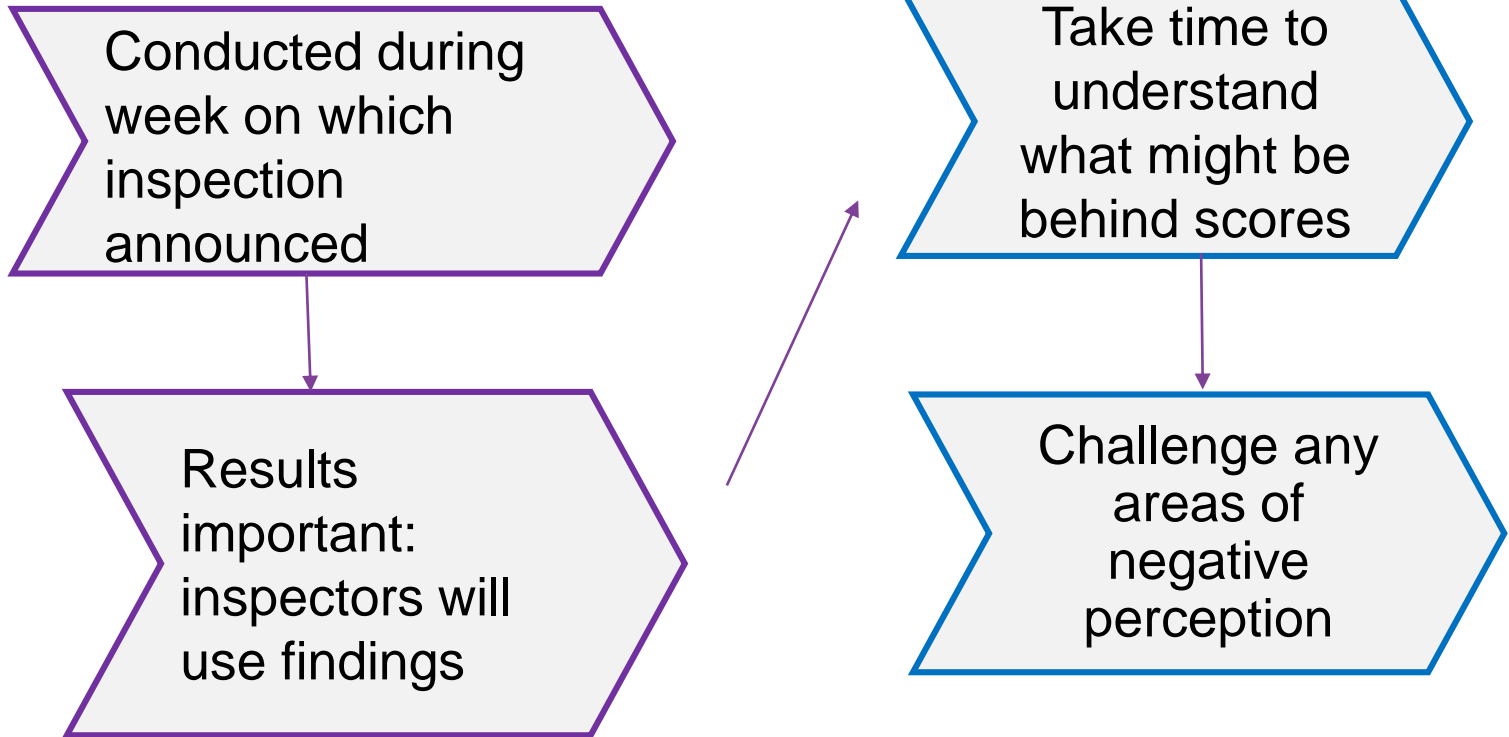


## 6. Briefing Managers, Staff and Prisoners



**Ensure feedback offered to staff who have been “observed” by inspectors**

## 7. HMIP Survey





Quantify!



# Group Discussion

What aspects are you most confident with?

What aspects are you most concerned about?

What are your “top 3” actions to work on after today?



# Summary

