

## Working in Prisons

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Prisons in Leicestershire & Rutland There are five prisons in Leicestershire, and each has a Probation team to work with prisoners to look at ways to reduce their risk of re-offending, and to prepare offenders for their eventual release.

HM YOI Glen  
Parva

Houses young offenders aged 18 to 21. The facility acts as a remand centre for a large population awaiting trial or sentence, and is also a Young Offenders Institution for its sentenced population. Around 70% of the population spend less than six months as sentenced prisoners. Glen Parva has a high turnover of young offenders but the average population is around 700.

HMP Leicester

Is a Category B prison receiving both remand and sentenced prisoners from all courts within its agreed catchment area of Leicester, Leicestershire, Rutland and Swadlincote. Although originally established in the 19th century, the prison has been regularly developed and modified to serve changing requirements.

HMP Gartree

Is a Category B prison acting as a main lifer centre for prisoners from around the country. Gartree is one of a small number of prisons exclusively for prisoners serving life sentences for offences such as murder.

HMP Stocken

Is a Category C prison. Amongst its prison population are 'lifers' that have reached the second stage of their life sentence, and have moved away from the more secure conditions of an A or B Category prison.

HMP Ashwell

Is also a Category C prison and originally was an open prison, although it is now closed and fenced.