

INFORMATION FOR FAMILY & SIGNIFICANT OTHERS

HMP WAKEFIELD

POPS' is a charity founded in 1988 by prisoners families. POPS' provides a range of advice & support for individuals and families who have a loved one in prison.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Telephone:	01924 612 165
Booking Line:	01924 612 274 / www.gov.uk/prison-visits
Address:	HMP Wakefield Address, 5 Love Lane, Wakefield, WF2 9AG
Visits:	Friday, Saturday, Sunday - 14.00 - 16.00
Refreshments:	Hot and cold drinks and snacks.
Toilets:	Disabled access and baby changing facilities.
Disabled Facilities:	Full access including toilets.
Child Facilities:	Unsupervised play area.

TRAVEL

Coach: National Express run services to the nearby Wakefield Bus Station.

Train: The nearest mainline station is Wakefield Westgate approx. 5 mins walk away.

Car: From M1 South: Proceed North along M1 to junction 40. After approx. 2 miles turn left into Parliament Street, just before the railway bridge. From M62: Proceed along M62 East or West to junction with M1. Take M1 South to junction 40. Leave at junction 40 along A638 towards Wakefield. After approx. 2 miles turn left into Parliament Street. From A1 North: Proceed along A1 South to M62. Proceed along M62 Westbound to M1. Proceed along M1 Southbound to junction 40. Leave at junction 40 along A638 towards Wakefield. After approx. 2 miles turn into Parliament Street. From A1 South: Proceed along A1 and A1M. Leave A1M to join A638 towards Wakefield. Follow signs Dewsbury A6328. After crossing roundabout at Comet, get into the right hand lane and turn right at the end, across the dual carriageway (Westgate). After approx. 100 yards turn left into Parliament Street.

Car Parking: : Please note that there is no parking available at the prison. Public car parks can be found nearby.



You may be able to get FINANCIAL HELP with the cost of traveling via the Help with Prison Visits scheme (HWPV). Telephone: 0300 063 2100 (Monday to Friday 9.00am-5.00pm. Closed bank holidays). You can also ask staff at the Visitor Centre for further information and an application pack.



HM Prison & Probation Service

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THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW HMP WAKEFIELD

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To book a visit phone 01924 612 274 (be patient lines are often busy). Line's open 09:00 - 12:00 Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri, 09:00 – 11:00 Thurs and 14:00 - 16:00 Tues/ Wed/Thurs. You can also book a visit via www.gov.uk/prison-visits. To book your visit you will need the full name and prison number of the person you are visiting.

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Before you arrive ensure you have APPROVED IDENTIFICATION such as: Passport, Driving License, Birth certificate. For children under 18, you must bring a birth certificate or passport.

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On arrival please report to the Visitor Centre. As you are facing the prison the Visitor Centre is down the road to your left on the corner. Please arrive 30 minutes before the time of your visit. The Visitor Centre opens at 12:45 and there are refreshments and snacks available from the tea bar.

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If you are under the age of 18 you cannot visit the prison alone you must be accompanied by an adult.

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You will not be allowed to wear "excessive" amounts of jewellery in the prison. Jewellery is limited to wedding/engagement rings, a small pair of earrings and a small necklace/chain. You cannot take watches into the prison; all excess items can be placed in a locker.

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Lockers are available in the Visitor Centre priced at £1 which is refundable.

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You can take your ID (issued to you by the Visitor Centre) and £25 per adult (£5 per child) to purchase refreshments (please bring change) into the prison. If you require medication/baby food/milk during your visit take it to the visits entrance and give it to the search staff who will put it in a locker in the search area until you require it. It is illegal to bring mobile phones or electrical items into the establishment.

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The SEARCH procedure once in the prison can include: A rub down, metal detectors and passive drug dogs (similar to airport security). Please speak to a member of POPS staff if you have any concerns.

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You can send money to a prisoner using your debit card or by bank transfer. Visit www.gov.uk/send-prisoner-money. Alternatively money can be sent to prisoners via cheque or postal orders. Make out the cheque/postal order to the Governor at HMP Wakefield. Include the prisoner's name and number on the back.

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You can only hand in property for individuals on remand and this must take place within 28 days of their arrival in custody. The prisoner must make a wing application for agreed items to be brought in. You can then hand the agreed items to the Visitor Centre staff.



If you require additional information or support please speak to POPS' Family Support Lead:

01924 612 165