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Julian Assange as he was arrested last May. He faces a hearing next week to determine whether he will be extradited to the US VICTORIA JONES/PA

## Inmates lobby Belmarsh jail to get Julian Assange out of isolation

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Julian Assange has been transferred to a wing at Belmarsh prison for the over-50s after lobbying by his fellow inmates.

Prisoners showed "more humanity" than the outside world when they petitioned the governors for Mr Assange, 48, to be moved there from the hospital wing, Kristinn Hrafnsson, the editor of Wikileaks, said yesterday.

Assange faces extradition to the US over charges stemming from Wikileaks' publication of hundreds of thousands of confidential American military communications in 2010.



John Shipton, Assange's father, protested outside Belmarsh prison yesterday to try and secure his son's move out of isolation VICTORIA JONES/PA