

Action Plan in response to the PPO Report into the death of Mr Joshua Esberger on 11/01/2021 at HMP Hull

| Rec No | Recommendation | Accepted / Not accepted | Response Action Taken / Planned | Responsible Owner and Organisation | Target Date |
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| 1 | The Governor should ensure that all staff understand their responsibility to immediately open an ACCT if they hear or observe anything to suggest a person might be at risk of self-harm or suicide. | Accepted | <p>The new version of ACCT, which places a greater emphasis on identifying risks and triggers, was introduced nationally in July 2021 and is now embedded at HMP Hull.</p> <p>As part of the implementation, the Safety team delivered briefings on all wings to reiterate the importance of immediately opening an ACCT whenever there is a concern that a prisoner may be at risk of suicide or self-harm. In addition, 1:1 sessions were held with those staff identified as requiring additional support regarding the new ACCT process.</p> <p>In January 2022, Suicide and Self-harm (SASH) training recommenced at HMP Hull following the relaxation of restrictions introduced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. SASH refresher training sessions are now conducted twice per month and remind staff of their responsibilities within the ACCT process, specifically in relation to the</p> | Head of Residence & Safety HMPPS | Completed |

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| | | | <p>identification of risk and the opening of an ACCT plan.</p> <p>In December 2022, a Notice to Staff (NTS) was issued reminding staff of the factors which may indicate a change in a prisoner's risk of harm to self, to others or from others, and to initiate ACCT monitoring where concerns are identified around the risk of suicide or self-harm. A further NTS was issued to remind staff that segregation, loss of privileges, and the instigation of incentive & earned privilege procedures may also be factors that increase the risk of harm to self and where necessary ACCT process should be followed.</p> <p>In addition, a Community Notice was issued reminding all prisoners of the support that is available within the prison if they are finding things difficult.</p> | | |
| 2 | <p>The Governor and the Head of Healthcare should ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prompt and thorough investigations are made when a prisoner is thought to have taken an illicit substance, committed an act of self-harm or started a dirty protest. • mental health or general nurses are called to assess concerns about prisoners' health and well-being and, | Accepted | <p>In August 2022, NHS England commissioned a new contract for the provision of healthcare within HMP Hull. Healthcare services are now provided by Spectrum (primary care), Tees Esk and Wear Valley (TEWV) (mental healthcare) and Change, Grow, Live (CGL) (substance misuse service), and a copy of the PPO report into Mr Esberger's death has been shared with each service provider.</p> <p>The implementation of these contracts resulted in each provider reviewing all practices and pathways for the provision of care within the prison</p> | | |

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| | | | <p>been reminded of the need to initiate ACCT procedures when a prisoner is thought to have committed an act of self-harm so that a thorough assessment can take place.</p> <p>All complex cases are also referred to the weekly Safety Intervention Meeting (SIM), which provides a multi-disciplinary input for these cases.</p> <p>Service delivery and partnership working is reviewed at the monthly Local Delivery Board which is chaired by the prison Governor and attended by Spectrum, TEWV, and CGL to ensure a coordinated approach.</p> | <p>Governing Governor HMPPS & Head of Healthcare Drug Strategy & Healthcare Lead Spectrum</p> | |
| 3 | <p>The Governor should ensure that officers record when a prisoner refuses a meal, record the reason for the prisoner's refusal and offer the prisoner a doctor's appointment.</p> | Accepted | <p>HMP Hull reviewed and updated its food refusal protocol in January 2023. A NTS will be issued to remind staff that the protocol must be followed if a prisoner is refusing food. This includes keeping an accurate record on the food refusal log and making a referral to healthcare.</p> <p>Band 4 Supervising Officers and Band 5 Custodial Managers will be briefed on the protocol at their respective Band 4 and 5 meetings in January.</p> | <p>Head of Residence & Safety HMPPS</p> | January 2023 |