

Action Plan in response to the PPO Report into the death of Mr Edward Lomas 22 May 2024 from HMP Pentonville

Rec No	Recommendation	Accepted / Not accepted	Response Action Taken / Planned	Responsible Owner and Organisation	Target Date
1	The Head of Drug Strategy and the Lead Pharmacist should develop officer training on monitoring medication and the risks associated with prisoners using unprescribed medication and ensure it is delivered.	Accepted	<p>Training on monitoring medication and the risks associated with prisoners using unprescribed medication has been developed. This is delivered to all officers in bitesize sessions as part of the HMP Pentonville's yearly refresher programme.</p> <p>Additionally, pharmacists undertake spot checks on those that have prescribed medication in possession. Any discrepancies identified are reported back to the Head of Healthcare and Head of Drug Strategy.</p>	Head of Drug Strategy, HMPPS & Head of Health Care, Practice Plus Group	Completed
2	The Head of Healthcare should ensure that when high or medium risk medications such as amitriptyline are prescribed, the prescriber ensures that a further in possession risk assessment	Accepted	All prescribers have been reminded of the need to complete the risk assessment before providing a new medication. This should be clearly documented in the notes. There has also been a staff learning session delivered	Head of Healthcare, Practice Plus Group	Completed

	takes place in line with local and national policy.		28.02.2025 to reflect on the learning from the DIC of Mr Lomas and the inquest.		
3	The Head of Healthcare should introduce a robust quality assurance process to ensure that prisoner applications are promptly responded to and healthcare staff record any action taken.	Accepted	We are currently reviewing the local operating policy (LOP) and aiming to implement a revised system one template to record the apps on the system and also include a response to patients on the back page of the application. The processing of applications will be audited by the unscheduled care lead.	Head of Healthcare, Practice Plus Group	April 2025
4	The Head of Healthcare should set out a clear pain management pathway for prisoners and ensure staff follow it.	Accepted	The Lead GP, physiotherapist and pharmacy staff have to discuss the implementation of a pain management pathway at HMP Pentonville. This is in its early stages at present and advice and guidance will be sought from other prison sites to inform the process.	Head of Healthcare, Practice Plus Group	September 2025