

Action Plan in response to the PPO Report into the death of Mr Matthew Xavier 16/12/2022 HMP Highpoint

Rec No	Recommendation	Accepted / Not accepted	Response Action Taken / Planned	Responsible Owner and Organisation	Target Date
1	<p>The Governor and Head of Healthcare should ensure that all staff undertaking risk assessments for prisoners taken to hospital understand the legal position on the use of restraints and that, in all cases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> healthcare staff complete the medical information section of the escort risk assessment, accurately reflecting how the prisoner's current health and medical condition affects their risk of escape; and authorising managers show that they have taken this information into account when assessing a prisoner's current level of risk. 	Accepted	<p>On 17 October 2023, all operational managers were advised of the following documents and asked to take note of their contents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PPO Policy into Practice: Use of Restraints on Escort Operational Practice Guide on Hospital Escorts <p>These documents cover medical information and legal obligations and legislation on the use of restraints.</p> <p>Operational Managers were reminded of the updated escorting documentation which was updated nationally in September 2023 to include a section for healthcare to complete and advise of any issues that may impact on restraint use. Authorising Managers are required to sign to say they have taken this advice into account in their decision making.</p>	<p>Head of Healthcare Practice Plus</p> <p>Head of Safety HMPPS</p> <p>Head of Security HMPPS</p>	Completed

<p>2</p>	<p>The Operational Security Group Director for HMPPS should monitor, over the next three months, how many prisoners at HMP Highpoint are escorted to hospital without restraints (for inpatient admissions and outpatient appointments) and report back to the Ombudsman.</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>HMP Highpoint and seven other prisons will submit copies of all risk assessments for hospital escorts and bedwatches to the Security Procedures Team so that the level of compliance with the policy can be assessed. This assessment will also be informed by further analysis of recent PPO recommendations.</p> <p>The results of this work will be fed back at quarterly meetings between the Operational Security Group Director for HMPPS and the Ombudsman.</p> <p>A Security Briefing Note has been issued to all Governors/Directors and security teams to remind them of the importance of balancing risk-based security requirements with individual prisoner needs on hospital escorts and bedwatches, particularly with regards to cuffing arrangements.</p>	<p>Operational Security Group Director for HMPPS</p>	<p>December 2023 – Security Briefing Note issued and monitoring of risk assessments commences</p> <p>January 2023 – first quarterly meeting with PPO</p> <p>February 2023 – further analysis of recent recommendations</p>
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