

Action Plan in response to the PPO Report into the death of Mr Simon Parkinson on 07 July 2023 at HMP Durham

Rec No	Recommendation	Accepted / Not accepted	Response Action Taken / Planned	Responsible Owner and Organisation	Target Date
1	The Governor should ensure that prison staff understand that medical information about a prisoner must be sought and properly considered when deciding whether to use restraints and in cases where a medical objection is disregarded or is not obtained the reason is documented.	Accepted	<p>A multi-disciplinary team, including security, healthcare, operations and safety representatives has been convened for January 2024, to review existing escort paperwork and consider what improvements can be made to further support staff conducting the risk assessment to make appropriate decisions around restraints and properly consider healthcare's input.</p> <p>For example one already proposed change is to include a defensible decision box so that if the decision made does not align with the healthcare recommendation the reason for this can be clearly set out.</p> <p>Following the review, proposed amendments to the paperwork will be trialed during February 2024, and implemented if found to be effective.</p>	Head of Safer Custody	February 2024

			Once finalised, bitesize training on the changes will be delivered to Custodial Managers to ensure understanding and compliance.		
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