

Action Plan in response to the PPO Report into the death of Mr Ronald Beamish on 3 October 2023 at HMP Chelmsford

Rec No	Recommendation	Accepted / Not accepted	Response Action Taken / Planned	Responsible Owner and Organisation	Target Date
1	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: - healthcare staff accurately complete the medical information section of the escort risk assessment to reflect how the prisoner's health, medical condition and mobility affects their risk of escape; - authorising managers show that they have taken this information into account and their decision is based on the risk the prisoner presents at the time; and	Accepted	Only band 5 nurses and above are allowed to sign the PER and risk assessment for patients attending hospital. They complete this training via shadowing during induction and answer the questions based on their medical findings of the patient. Security risk assessments are completed to reflect the potential risk that the prisoner poses whilst out of the establishment. This covers the security category, intelligence link to prevent escape or the ingress of illicit items into the establishment, and the information provided by healthcare as to the health and mobility of the prisoner at the time.	Head of Primary care/ Head of Mental health Castle Rock Group	

	• restraints are not used during serious or invasive treatment, unless there are exceptional reasons for doing so.		The Head of Security will send out a reminder of the need to consider the information provided by healthcare to all Custodial Managers and the Senior Leadership Team and ensure there is a quick guide to this process available within security to inform decision-making. A full briefing is given to the escorting staff, by a Custodial manager as to what actions to take if there is a request to remove restraints for treatment. This is completed prior to the escort going out of the establishment. The Head of Security to send out a notice to colleagues so all escorting staff are aware when to ask permission for the restraints to be removed. A reminder of the need to document a decision to remove restraints or the reasons these remain on to be sent to the Senior Leadership Team.	Head of Security HMPPS	August 2024
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