

Action Plan in response to the PPO Report into the death of

Mr Darren Barker on 12 September 2023 at HMP Peterborough

Rec No	Recommendation	Accepted / Not accepted	Response Action Taken / Planned	Responsible Owner and Organisation	Target Date
1	The Head of Healthcare should ensure that there is a robust blood test monitoring system in place so that samples that are lost, insufficient or mislabelled are reviewed and, if necessary, repeated.		<p>Review of guidance and current processes in place for effective communication between secure services and outside pathology.</p> <p>Quarterly meetings with local pathology take place to discuss any further issues or concerns.</p> <p>Clearly documented guidance on how the communication process will work in practice.</p> <p>Review date in place and patient re-booked for appointment if required allocated on the system 1 ledger.</p>	Head of Healthcare Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	Completed
2	The Director 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, that healthcare staff complete the medical information section of the escort risk assessment in full, and that assessments fully take into account the health of a		<p>Healthcare staff complete the medical information section of the escort risk assessment in full.</p> <p>Head of healthcare and clinical managers to brief the clinical staff on the importance of completing in full the escort risk assessment so the operational staff completing the risk assessment can make an informed decision regarding the use of restraints. Healthcare also take into consideration the mobility, disability and the general health of the prisoner, this remains with</p>	Head of Healthcare Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Director Sodexo	Completed

	<p>prisoner and are based on the actual risk he presents at the time.</p>	<p>the prison risk assessment paperwork and is also considered when decisions relating to handcuffing are agreed.</p> <p>Healthcare staff receive training on risk assessments for the use of restraints within their induction programme.</p> <p>All staff completing a risk assessment, to ensure consideration has been made regarding the individual circumstances of the prisoner involved. Medical advice has been sought as part of this risk assessment and utilised to inform an overall opinion.</p> <p>All relevant information to be properly considered and the assessment of risk is proportionate to the information available. Levels of restraint used on prisoners are, at all times, proportionate to the perceived security risks and be balanced by considerations of care and decency for the prisoner.</p>		
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