

Action Plan in response to the PPO Report into the death of Mr Thomas Griffiths on 7 September 2023 following release from HMP Portland

Rec No	Recommendation	Accepted / Not accepted	Response Action Taken / Planned	Responsible Owner and Organisation	Target Date
1	The Head of Healthcare should ensure that prisoners nearing release are referred to community mental health services when their presentation and history warrants it.	Accepted	The introduction of Mental Health Nurse at reception to carry out Triage has improved the process of gathering collateral information. The introduction of STaR Worker, whose role is to link up with Community services to support Mental Health patients upon their release to community, collaborative work with Community services. Introduction of robust risk assessment: NICE guidelines- Self harm: assessment, management and preventing recurrence (NICE guideline NG225 Published 7th September 2022. Following the findings we have introduced regular S1 training provided by NECS to enhance and increased awareness within healthcare team with regards to deliver in depth assessment using the templates available	Head Of Healthcare, Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust	Completed Completed Completed December 2025

			We have proposed an introduction to Early Days in Custody model from NHSE Commissioners, an established model used in some of the South East and Kent prisons where Oxleas is the Healthcare provider. The Early days in Custody Nurse will hold the case for care co-ordination for the first two weeks following arrival into custody and the gathering of collateral information would be one of the responsibilities of Early I Days in Custody Nurse. Following the high number of prisoners leaving establishment due to the Ministry of Justice's Early Release scheme together with those with no planned accommodation and deemed at risk we now refer them to the Safeguarding portal to the area where they will be released to.		December 2025 On-going
2	The Head of Healthcare should review the 'to take out' protocol and ensure that guidance is included to encourage prescribers to review and understand a prisoner's level of risk with medication they are prescribing on release.	Accepted	OPS policy has been recirculated to Prescribers to raise awareness of high-risk patients. We have a bimonthly Medication Management meeting facilitated by the Regional Pharmacist; this enables relevant discussions regarding any Pharmacy issues to be addressed. TTO's remains a regular discussion for Medication Management Meeting.	Head Of Healthcare, Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust	December 2025 Ongoing