

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

Mr William Dawson on 11 March 2024 at HMP Holme House

Rec No	Recommendation	Accepted / Not accepted	Response Action Taken / Planned	Responsible Owner and Organisation	Target Date
1	The Governor and Head of Healthcare at HMP Durham should ensure that all staff undertaking escort risk assessments understand the legal position on the use of restraints, that assessments fully take into account the current health, mobility and risk of a prisoner and that healthcare staff complete the medical sections accurately.	Accepted	<p>In response to a previous PPO recommendation a review of the current escort paperwork was undertaken. Consideration was given to improvements that could be made to further support staff conducting the risk assessment to make appropriate decisions around restraints and to properly consider healthcare's input. The escort risk assessment now includes 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. The Duty Governor or Head of Security providing authorisation is responsible for agreeing the level of restraint and the Graham judgement referred to is available to all staff for consideration.</p> <p>All of HMP Durham's clinical staff have all been briefed on the Graham judgement and the need to incorporate the recommendations of the ruling into any cuffing risk assessment which they are</p>	Head of Safety, Head of Security HMPPS	Completed

			requested to undertake by HMPPS at the point of conveyance to hospital. This assessment will be documented within the patient's system one notes.		
2	The Governor of HMP Durham should ensure that a quality assurance process is implemented to satisfy himself that restraints decisions are credible and all necessary parties are consulted.	Accepted	<p>From October the complex case meeting between prison and healthcare staff will consider suitable cuffing arrangements for prisoners known to have ongoing serious or terminal illnesses that impact on mobility and their likelihood of escape. A rolling list of prisoners with these pre-planned cuffing arrangements will be created and shared with the staff responsible for signing off risk assessments.</p> <p>Escort risk assessments for any prisoner experiencing a sudden deterioration in health and those not on the complex care register will include the input of healthcare staff at the point of conveyance to hospital, ensuring the most up to date clinical picture can be considered and that restraints are proportionate to the prisoner's presentation at that time.</p> <p>In addition, the complex case meeting will quality assure the cuffing arrangements decisions made from a selection of previous emergency/unplanned escorts. Any learning from these reviews will be shared with the senior management team.</p>	Head of Safety, Head of Security HMPPS Head of Healthcare Spectrum	October 2024