

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

Mr Paul Gobell on 06/11/2021 at HMP Whatton

Rec No	Recommendation	Accepted / Not accepted	Response Action Taken / Planned	Responsible Owner and Organisation	Target Date
1	The Governor should ensure that a local protocol is developed and shared with staff to instruct them on what to do if they find a cell observation panel obscured.	Accepted	HMP Whatton have circulated a Governors Order reminding staff of the requirements of PSI 21/2011 Management and Security of Nights. The notice covers what to do when an obscured observation panel is discovered, including the immediate requirement to inform the Orderly Officer and the need for staff to conduct dynamic risk assessments.	Governor HMPPS	Completed
2	The Governor should ensure that all prison staff are made aware that where there is an immediate threat to life, they can enter a cell at night without seeking permission from the Night Orderly Officer if it is safe to do so.	Accepted	A Governors order has been issued to all staff covering when it is appropriate to enter a cell at night. The notice reiterates to staff that preservation of life takes precedence, and as long as a dynamic risk assessment is completed to assess if it is safe to enter a cell then staff can do so without seeking permission.	Governor HMPPS	Completed
3	The Governor should ensure that staff receive adequate	Accepted	All staff within HMP Whatton have been signposted to the available staff support services. A notice has been issued	Governor HMPPS	Completed

	support following a death in custody.		highlighting the services of the Staff Care Team and Trauma Risk Management (TRiM) support. Following a serious incident the Staff Care Team is now provided with a list of the staff involved so they can reach out and offer them individual support.		
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