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

Mr David McVicker on 25 January 2025 at HMP Channings Wood

Rec No	Recommendation	Accepted / Not accepted	Response Action Taken / Planned	Responsible Owner and Organisation	Target Date
1	The Governor and Head of Healthcare should introduce: • A 'no cuffing' list for prisoners who are terminally ill, elderly or frail, whose risk of escape is so low that it would make use of restraints inappropriate. • A robust quality assurance process to check that healthcare staff are recording the correct medical information on the escort risk assessment and the authorising manager is taking this information into account.	Accepted	The Governor and the Head of Healthcare will implement a process whereby prisoners who are terminally ill, elderly or frail, and whose risk of escape is very low will be identified at the earliest opportunity by the Healthcare team. A multidisciplinary team (MDT) consisting of Healthcare, Security, Offender Management Unit (OMU) and Safety will meet to decide on cuffing arrangements. Should a prisoner's risk be deemed very low (and the likelihood it will remain this way for the rest of their sentence) they will be added to a 'no cuffing register' which will be maintained by Security. A risk assessment will still take place each time any prisoner goes on escort and if there is new intelligence that a prisoner has an increased risk of escape, the use of cuffs will be considered. The Head of Healthcare has implemented a process whereby healthcare escort information is completed by senior nurses to ensure	Head of Security HMPPS Head of Healthcare Oxleas	October 2025

			consistency and quality information. The Head of Security will review the information provided and will address any issues at the Local Delivery Quality Board (LDQB) meeting with the healthcare team.		
2	The Governor should review the Early Release on Compassionate Grounds (ERCG) process and ensure that: • Staff responsible for applications fully understand the criteria outlined in the ERCG Policy Framework and their responsibility to submit timely applications where the criteria are met. • A nominated person is responsible for coordinating applications. • All information required is proactively sought and obtained for terminally ill patients to prevent delays in submitting applications to PPCS.	Accepted	Prisoners who are terminally ill, receiving palliative care, and undergoing chemotherapy are identified by the Healthcare team and discussed at a MDT meeting attended by Healthcare, Security, OMU and Safety. The meeting provides an opportunity to consider starting the Early Release on Compassionate Grounds (ERCG) process at the earliest opportunity. A log is now in place to ensure that decisions are recorded and to provide evidence of consideration. The Head of the OMU will chair the MDT meeting each time Healthcare identify a prisoner who meets the criteria. The Head of the OMU will be responsible for ensuring that relevant information is proactively sought and ERCG applications are submitted, where the criteria is met, in a timely manner.	Head of OMU HMPPS	Sept 2025