

Action Plan in response to the PPO Report into the death of Mr Arthur Thomas Smith on 7 February 2025 at HMP Wakefield

Rec No	Recommendation	Accepted / Not accepted	Response Action Taken / Planned	Responsible Owner and Organisation	Target Date
1	Category A team should ensure that their risk assessments when considering the removal of restraints fully take into account the prisoner's health and are based on the actual risk they present at the time, and that all decisions are recorded clearly.	Accepted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update Risk Assessment Process: Ensure all restraint decisions consider the prisoner's current health and mobility, alongside escape risk. Include healthcare input in every assessment. Mandatory Documentation: Record all decisions using the 'Approval to Remove Handcuffs – Part 11' form. Log decisions in the prisoner's record and bed watch log. Formal Communication Only: Prohibit informal or undocumented discussions (e.g., personal phone calls). Use official channels for all restraint removal requests and approvals. Introduce Urgent Escalation Protocol: Create a clear process for rapid decision-making when a prisoner's health 	HMP Wakefield Security Department	31/01/2026 Full completion due to training requirements.

			<p>deteriorates, becomes unresponsive or enters end-of-life care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff Training: Deliver refresher training on; Graham Judgment requirements, HMPPS external escort and restraint policy, Documentation and audit standards.• Audit and Compliance Checks: Conduct regular audits to ensure: Risk assessments are updated as circumstances change. All decisions have a documented rationale and approval trail.		
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