

Action Plan in response to the PPO Report into the death of Mr John Rombach on 17 July 2023 at HMP Stafford

Rec No	Recommendation	Accepted / Not accepted	Response Action Taken / Planned	Responsible Owner and Organisation	Target Date
1	<p>The Governor and Head of Healthcare should ensure that all staff undertaking risk assessments for prisoners who are attending hospital appointments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> complete the risk assessment documents in full, clearly setting out their rationale for the decisions; and understand the legal position on the use of restraints, including that their assessments fully take into account the prisoner's health and are based on the actual risk the prisoner presents at the time. 		<p>The current Risk Assessment process will be reviewed to ensure that every risk assessment is fully completed prior to discharge and that the Healthcare section is completed to include an assessment of the prisoner's current medical condition and whether it affects their mobility and risk of escape.</p> <p>The risk assessment will allow the authorising manager to demonstrate consideration of the health information and in the event of an emergency, any information provided verbally will also be recorded on the risk assessment. The Head of Operations will review the change of handcuffing arrangements and how this is recorded and communicated to staff.</p> <p>Upskilling sessions will take place with all authorising managers on risk assessment processes including the Graham Judgement, regarding the distinction to be made between the risks posed by a prisoner when fit, and those</p>	<p>Governor HMPPS</p> <p>Head of Healthcare Practice Plus Group</p>	February 2024

			posed by the same prisoner when suffering from a serious medical condition.		
2	The Governor and Head of Healthcare should ensure that there is a robust process in place to ensure that applications for early compassionate release are properly monitored and completed without delay.		<p>An additional reminder of the process will be sent to healthcare & safety to outline the decision-making process in which they can request early release. The process is already in place through the national policy. All requests are collated and outcomes recorded.</p> <p>All relevant parties are also to be advised of the process on how to escalate the application should the individuals' circumstances change or become more serious.</p>	<p>Governor HMPPS</p> <p>Head of Healthcare Practice Plus Group</p>	December 2023