

Action Plan in response to the PPO Report into the death of Mr Derek Thompson on 26 August 2024 at HMP Stafford

Rec No	Recommendation	Accepted / Not accepted	Response Action Taken / Planned	Responsible Owner and Organisation	Target Date
1	<p>The Governor should ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> all staff undertaking risk assessments for prisoners attending hospital appointments consider the prisoner's security category and their current health, and if the prisoner is attending for chemotherapy treatment, restraints are authorised only where they can be justified in line with prison policy, and there is a robust quality assurance process in place to check that these measures are in place and effective. 	Accepted	<p>The risk assessment process has been amended to ensure that decisions are made in line with the Graham Judgement. Restraint risk assessments have now been added to the agenda for the Preventing Future Deaths (PFD) meetings with Security to reinforce the importance of balancing a prisoner's risk with their current health when making decisions around the use of restraints. Risk assessments are completed for planned escorts to hospital based on the individual's risk of escape, risk to the public and their health and mobility at the time, and in line with their category status.</p> <p>The prison and healthcare partners are committed to improving communication about the treatment being received by prisoners attending hospital so that these factors can be considered when making decisions about the use of restraints.</p>	Governor HMPPS	March 2025

			Following a review of the risk assessment process there will be increased assurance checks on risk assessments to ensure that cuffing arrangements are appropriate.		
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