

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

## Mr Brian Acott – on 17 September 2024 at HMP Lewes

Rec No	Recommendation	Accepted / Not accepted	Response Action Taken / Planned	Responsible Owner and Organisation	Target Date
1	The Head of Healthcare should meet with the appropriate person or department at the Princess Royal Hospital and the Royal Sussex County Hospital to ensure there is an understanding of the limits of nursing care that a prison can provide, and to highlight the importance of information sharing namely discharge summaries on the discharge of a patient to ensure there is no delay to ongoing treatment.	Accepted	<p>HMP Lewes have created a HMP Lewes Healthcare information sheet which is provided with the handover summary for all patients going out to hospital. This information sheet offers an insight into the level of care we can offer and provides direct contact details for the service. For patients out in hospital, a daily check in with the hospital team is attempted by the nurse in charge. Where patients are clinically ready for discharge back to the prison, a decision is made whether the handover can be completed verbally over the phone or whether this requires an on-site visit. Where there are significant physical health or medical issues, the service will enable an in-person visit to the hospital to ensure a safe and effective discharge.</p> <p>HMP Lewes is requesting all discharge summaries to be sent securely to the healthcare generic nhs.net email address to avoid delays in information being shared. Where delays occur,</p>	Head of Healthcare Practice Plus Group	31 May 2025

			<p>staff have been made aware to escalate this to the Head of Healthcare.</p> <p>In addition, we are reaching out to the local A&amp;E departments to develop closer working relationships and to invite staff to visit the facilities at HMP Lewes to improve understanding of prison healthcare.</p>		
2	The Governor and the Head of Healthcare should complete a review of appropriate transport provided to ensure that the transport requested meets the needs of prisoners.	Accepted	<p>An ambulance is always called for a code blue/red and only stood down after discussion with visiting paramedics.</p> <p>For non-emergency transfers to hospital this is via ambulance or taxi. The most appropriate mode of transport is determined by clinical assessment at the time and whether clinical intervention is or may be required. In such cases an ambulance will be requested.</p> <p>Where the clinical assessment determines the patient is suitable to transfer safely via taxi then this option is advised.</p> <p>The practice is being reviewed jointly by the Head of Safety and Healthcare.</p>	<p>Governor HMPPS</p> <p>Head of Healthcare Practice Plus Group</p>	31 May 2025