

Action Plan in response to the PPO Report into the death of Mr John Freer on 29 October 2024 at HMP Northumberland

Rec No	Recommendation	Accepted / Not accepted	Response Action Taken / Planned	Responsible Owner and Organisation	Target Date
1	The Head of Healthcare at HMP Northumberland should review the care management of patients with a cancer diagnosis. This should include ensuring each patient has an identified lead nurse who will oversee the implementation of a plan of care, including advance care planning discussions and DNACPR discussions, in line with the national framework, Dying well in custody charter.	Accepted	<p>The Healthcare team at HMP Northumberland use the national framework, Dying well in custody, when we are clinically managing patients who have a terminal illness.</p> <p>John Freer had an allocated nurse and was part of the complex case management forum. The Nurse had regular contact with Mr Freer.</p> <p>DNACPR was not discussed with Mr Freer when he was diagnosed with cancer, as he was still in the process of treatment options and his young age.</p> <p>Due to the quick decline of his health and then hospital admission, the Healthcare team was not able to readdress the DNACPR.</p> <p>We will continue to use the Dying well in custody charter, and review DNACPR individually and complete as and when clinically appropriate.</p>	Head of Healthcare Spectrum CIC	April 2025