

Action Plan in response to the PPO Report into the death of Mr John McGovern on 13 June 2024 at HMP The Verne

Rec No	Recommendation	Accepted / Not accepted	Response Action Taken / Planned	Responsible Owner and Organisation	Target Date
1	The Head of Healthcare at HMP Ashfield should ensure clinical staff are up to date with guidelines on assessment of chest pain in the primary care setting.	Accepted	<p>Learning to be shared with the Healthcare Team to ensure they are aware of the NICE guidelines on acute Coronary Syndromes.</p> <p>Training to include the importance of accurate history taking and assessing previous clinical parameters to compare to.</p> <p>Learning hour to be delivered across the healthcare team around the assessment of chest pain in the Primary care setting.</p>	Head of Healthcare/Clinical Lead Oxleas	August 2025
2	The Head of Healthcare at HMP Ashfield should ensure clinical staff are aware of local and national guidelines relating to the management of ascites in a non-hospital setting.	Accepted	<p>Learning to be shared with the Healthcare Team to ensure they are aware of the local and national guidelines relating to the management of ascites in a non-hospital setting.</p> <p>Training to include the importance of monitoring and managing ascites within the Prison setting.</p> <p>Learning hour to be delivered across the healthcare team around local guides in the</p>	Head of Healthcare/Clinical Lead Oxleas	August 2025

			management of ascites in the Primary care setting.		
3	The Governor and the Head of Healthcare at HMP The Verne should ensure that a clear protocol is in place for the transfer of prisoners with a limited life expectancy.	Accepted	<p>HMP The Verne has a unit which provides 24 hour social care and accepts the transfer of prisoners with overnight social care needs through a robust referral and multi-disciplinary team (MDT) process. Whilst there is no provision for end of life care at the prison, the Governor and the Head of Healthcare recognise that prisoners may deteriorate and become end of life, and are committed to ensuring that safe, effective and dignified care is provided in these instances if an onward transfer is not possible.</p> <p>The Governor and the Head of Healthcare will escalate this recommendation to their respective organisation senior leadership to determine next steps for managing prisoners who are considered end of life and where Early Release on Compassionate Grounds (ERCG) has not been approved.</p>	Governing Governor HMPPS	March 2025
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