

Action Plan in response to the PPO Report into the death of Mr Simon Dunn on 26 September 2024 at HMP Garth

Rec No	Recommendation	Accepted / Not accepted	Response Action Taken / Planned	Responsible Owner and Organisation	Target Date
1	<p>The Governor should ensure that staff understand their responsibilities to challenge and manage bullying and verbal abuse towards prisoners, including by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewing the local Safer Custody Policy to ensure there are clear expectations about what staff should do in response to bullying concerns where a perpetrator may not be disclosed. Ensuring that staff receive training on CSIP and understand the referral process and expectations of their role. 	Accepted	<p>The Safer Custody policy was reviewed in February which makes reference to proactive referrals for a Challenge, Support and Intervention Plan (CSIP) for vulnerable individuals who require support for issues such as bullying, debt or being victims of violence. These documents also cover who is responsible for each part of the CSIP process. HMP Garth's safety strategy has also been reviewed and published via a global email to staff.</p> <p>User guidance on how to manage a CSIP is now available on the Digital Prison Services platform and is available to all operational staff. The Head of Safety will liaise with the National Safety Team to arrange CSIP upskilling for staff.</p>	Head of Safety, HMPPS	October 2025
2	The Governor should introduce a robust quality assurance process to ensure that staff complete a welfare	Accepted	The Head of Safety will work collaboratively with residential managers to introduce a system whereby the wing Supervising Officer will	Head of Safety, HMPPS	September 2025

	check on prisoners following a court appearance, including those by video link, in line with local and national policy.		undertake a welfare check on any prisoner who has attended a court hearing. A case note detailing this welfare check will be recorded.		
3	The Head of Healthcare should review the Medication in Possession policy to ensure there is a multidisciplinary approach where the prisoner has a significant overdose history.	Accepted	<p>The Head of Healthcare will review the Practice Plus Group in possession policy. This states that any complex cases which would include a patient with a history of significant overdose should be discussed by a multi-disciplinary team (MDT) as part of the assessment in the multi-professional complex case committee (MPCCC). The MDT would include a prescriber and other professionals appropriate to the individual patient's needs.</p> <p>Following this review, the Head of Healthcare will communicate this to the wider team, in patient safety huddles and arrange MPCCCs for any patient who presents with a significant overdose history.</p>	Head of Healthcare, Practice Plus Group	August 2025
4	The Governor should ensure that there are appropriate processes in place to inform the next of kin at the earliest opportunity, including when the assigned family liaison officers are off duty.	Accepted	<p>HMP Garth is in the process of recruiting additional Family Liaison Officers (FLOs). Upon completion of appointment and training the prison will be better resourced, which will allow more FLOs to be detailed for each duty period, including over the weekend.</p> <p>All operational managers who undertake the role of Duty Governor have been emailed to ensure that in the event of a death in custody the FLO on</p>	Head of Safety, HMPPS	August 2025

			duty at the time will make the initial contact with the next of kin.		
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