

RESPONSE TO 'PL' INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION

Rec No	Recommendation	Accepted / Not accepted	Response Action Taken / Planned	Responsible Owner and Organisation	Target Date
1	We recommend that the healthcare provider at HMP Stocken reviews the local practice on risk assessment for medication in possession to ensure that risk assessments are conducted as required.	Accepted	Practice Plus Group (PPG) will undertake a review of their 'In-Possession medication policy' and ensure it is appropriate and that risk assessments are conducted as required.	Head of Healthcare, PPG	September 2024
2	We recommend that the prison takes note of the problems that occurred in this case and ensures that where the police are investigating an incident in the prison, clear arrangements are made for a single point of contact in the prison and for another staff member to deputise if they are absent.	Accepted	The Head of Security at HMP Stocken will now be the single point of contact for the police during any ongoing police investigation. In the absence of the Head of Security, the custodial managers within the security department will deputise.	Head of Security, HMP Stocken, HMPPS	Completed
3	We recommend that PPG review their protocols for supplying data for the investigation of a suspected crime where the alleged victim has no capacity to give or	Accepted	PPG will continue to work within legislation guidelines and will supply data to the police where they are permitted to do so. All requests by the police and the	Head of Healthcare, PPG	Ongoing



	withhold consent. Any request to disclose information to the police should be recorded, with a note of the reasons for the decision to disclose or to refuse disclosure.		decision by PPG to disclose the data, or not, will be recorded.		
4	We recommend that the Governor of Stocken (locally) and HMPPS (nationally) review the present arrangements for communications with the ambulance services to examine whether current policy and practice appropriately reflects the ambulance services' system of allocating priorities.	Accepted	<p>A national review of the process for communication with ambulance services will be conducted in conjunction with healthcare partners and the Association of Ambulance Chief Executives.</p> <p>The Head of Operations and Head of Healthcare will discuss this recommendation. The Head of Healthcare will then contact the ambulance service about their system of allocating priorities and review current processes and policies to ensure they are up to date and appropriate.</p>	<p>Operational Security Group and Safety Group, HMPPS</p> <p>Head of Operations, HMP Stocken, HMPPS and Head of Healthcare, PPG</p>	<p>March 2025</p> <p>August 2024</p>
5	We invite the Governor to examine whether the 12 minutes from arrival at the prison to attending a patient on K wing is unavoidable or whether the process of accessing the wings in emergencies can be made more efficient.	Accepted	<p>HMP Stocken is aware that it can take a significant amount of time to get to certain wings of the prison. The prison has previously completed a number of walk throughs in order to identify ways in which access to the wings can be made more efficient in an emergency, but there are limitations as to what can be done due to the layout of the prison.</p> <p>HMP Stocken will issue a reminder to all staff that on any occasion where the emergency services are called, the Orderly Officer will ask all available staff to support the unlocking of vehicle gates en route to the wings to ensure emergency vehicles arrive in a timely manner.</p>	Head of Operations, HMP Stocken, HMPPS	August 2024

