

Action Plan: Death of A Male Prisoner (Death at HMP Exeter)

Response from Channings Wood and Exeter

No	Recommendation	Accepted/Not Accepted	Response	Target date for completion and function responsible	Progress (to be updated after 6 months)
1	The Governor and Head of Healthcare at Channings Wood should ensure that all prisoners have a documented assessment of their risk of suicide and self-harm after events which could involve a change in status, including new charges and court appearances, including by video-link.	Accept	<p>All prisoners returning from court, or who are newly received at HMP Channings Wood following a court appearance, who either have a change of circumstance or who reception staff have any concerns about, are seen in reception by Health Care. Reception staff will be reminded of the fact that a court appearance that does not result in a change of circumstances can also have the effect of increasing the risk of self-harm or suicide, and that it is their responsibility to be vigilant in their interactions with returning prisoners. They will be reminded that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - where they identify a clear risk of self-harm or suicide they must open an ACCT; - where they have some concerns or have received information that there may be an issue, but are not sure that an ACCT is warranted, they should refer the prisoner to healthcare staff for a more detailed assessment of risk. <p>Identification risk forms are being implemented to address change in status i.e. new convictions, court appeal rejections, change of immigration, family court changes in circumstances. These will be used in reception to assist the consideration of suicide</p>	Head of Safer Custody 01/11/2015.	

			and/or self-harm risk posed by those returning from court and for prisoners returning from video link court appearances.		
2	The Governor and Head of Healthcare at Exeter should ensure that staff consider and record all the known risk factors of a prisoner when determining their risk of suicide or self-harm, including information from all sources and that staff understand the circumstances when they should open an ACCT.	Accepted	<p>A new and revised Risk and Triggers assessment is used by the First Night Team. This local assessment has been improved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Assessment form now includes Healthcare input regarding detoxification requirements, welfare checks and Mental Health referrals. • The form has been designed to flow better with the First Night process. <p>When considering all the available information First Night staff are advised to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Record what factors have been considered and the reasons for decisions. 2. If you are in any doubt consult the Duty Manager remember if in doubt <u>OPEN AN ACCT.</u> 3. Record your reasons for your decision: COPY TO CASE NOTES <p>A Governor's Notice to Staff will be published to remind all staff at Exeter that consideration needs to</p>	Completed Head of Safer Custody	31/08/2015 Head of

			be given on receiving any information regarding risk (directly or indirectly) that 1) the information regarding risk is communicated to all interested parties. 2) Consideration must be given to how this may impact on the individual and whether an ACCT should be opened. 3) If in any doubt contact and inform the Safer Custody Team.	Residence and Safety Custody	
3	The Governor of Exeter should ensure that control room staff call an ambulance as soon as a medical emergency code is called.	Accepted	<p>The following action has been taken.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Governor's Notice to Staff has been reissued. • The topic will be covered in the establishment's Safer Custody Newsletter. • Compliance and staff knowledge is tested during night visits by an Operational Manager • All control room operatives have received instructions regarding calling an ambulance on receipt of a code blue/ red. <p>Continued testing of staff knowledge and actions will form part of SMT management checks.</p>	Completed Governor	