

Action plan

No	Recommendation	Accepted / Not accepted	Response	Target date for completion and Function Responsible	Progress (to be updated after 6 months)
1	The Head of Healthcare should ensure that abnormal blood test results are appropriately followed up, especially where a prisoner has a diagnosis or history of hepatitis C.	Accepted	All abnormal blood tests taken from prisoners with a history of Hepatitis C will be sent for a full analytical test. The test will be sent to our healthcare provider and the results will be reviewed by a clinician and entered on to SystmOne (electronic patient records).	Completed Head of Healthcare	
2	The Governor and Health of Healthcare should ensure that all staff undertaking risk assessments for prisoners taken to hospital understand the legal position, and that assessments fully take into account the health of a prisoner and are based on the actual risk the prisoner presents at the time.	Accepted	All staff are reminded at weekly operational meetings that when completing risk assessments for prisoners taken to hospital, to take account of the legal position, and that they undertake a balanced risk assessment in line with the National Security Framework which takes into account, security risks, danger to the public and the patient's medical condition. Risk assessments will be reviewed in line with existing management checks, or if there is a	Completed Governor Head of Healthcare, Security and Safer Custody	

			change in circumstances.		
3	The Governor should ensure that a member of staff is appointed to engage with families of terminally or seriously ill prisoners and inform them at once if they are admitted to hospital.	Accepted	HMP Elmley reminds all operational managers (Duty Governors) and Custodial Managers (Orderly Officers) at the weekly operational meetings that if a prisoner has been diagnosed as terminally ill then they must engage with families of terminally ill or seriously ill prisoners and inform them at once if they are admitted to hospital. This is done in consultation with prisoner healthcare professionals and takes into account a risk assessed approach to security and public protection. Family liaison officers have been appointed to support this work at HMP Elmley, and they have been referred to the Safer Custody and Strategy Document that was issued in June; which requires that this is now standard practice. The application of this recommendation will be monitored during staff debrief meetings and any lessons learnt taken forward.	Completed Head of Safer Custody	

