

**Action Plan – Brian Gilbert. HMP Northumberland. NC. 19/03/2017**

No	Recommendation	Accepted/Not Accepted	Response	Target date for completion and function responsible
1	<p>The Director and Head 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 the prisoner and are based on the actual risk the prisoner presents at the time.</p>	Accepted	<p>Staff undertaking risk assessments take account of the health of the prisoner at the time, as evidenced in the judgements to change the restraint arrangements. It is recognised that such judgements can and should be considered at the earliest opportunity including the use of restraints during the escort process.</p> <p>An escalation process has been implemented whereby Senior Managers must clearly state when the prisoner’s assessment must be referred back to duty manager for review, where there are significant changes in the circumstances, such as a change of location, or where there is an improvement or deterioration in the prisoner’s physical condition/attitude/behaviour. The risk assessment template used in this process has been reviewed; it contains prompts to guide duty managers as to the type of factors that ought to be considered. This reinforces proactive awareness of health circumstances that impact on the potential use of restraints.</p>	<p>30 November 2017</p> <p>Head of Security &amp; Operations</p>