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1	The Governor and Head of Healthcare should ensure that all managers and staff responsible for undertaking risk assessments for prisoners taken to hospital understand the legal position, and that assessments fully take into account the medical condition of the prisoner and are based on the actual risk the prisoner presents at the time.	Accepted	<p>The local risk assessment document was updated in March 2016 and reflects the requirements contained in the standard risk assessment form within the National Security Framework.</p> <p>A staff information notice was published in March 2016, reminding all staff about the local risk assessment document. The local risk assessment will ensure that all staff undertaking risk assessments for prisoners taken to hospital understand the legal position, that assessments must fully take into account the health of a prisoner and be based on the actual risk that the prisoner presents at the time. The local risk assessment will also ensure that the information provided by health providers is given greater weight in the overall assessment.</p> <p>Complex clinical cases with longer term implications will now be subject to case management planning between the Heads of Safer Custody, Healthcare and Operations. All risk assessments will be subject to internal management checks as well as external audits.</p>	<p>Governor</p> <p>Head of Safer Custody</p> <p>Head of Security and Operations</p> <p>Head of Healthcare</p> <p>Completed</p>	

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