

Action Plan – Norman Saunders . HMP Rye Hill . NC . 05/01/2017

No	Recommendation	Accepted/Not Accepted	Response	Target date for completion and function responsible
1	The Governor 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	Accepted	<p>Guidance has been given to the relevant managers about the legal position on the use of restraints. A review is taking place to ensure that the decision making process (that takes into account the health of the prisoner and actual risk) is properly documented so that, information about why the person is restrained is recorded.</p> <p>The Head of Safer Custody and Head of Security have had an initial meeting to create a draft restraints algorithm, which is being adjusted based on feedback and will go out for consultation to Healthcare after an initial discussion. The algorithm is designed to evidence more clearly the defensible decision making processes around the use of restraints, with prompt questions to engage dispatching managers to take into account all relevant risk factors including the health of the prisoner. When this process is completed, the new algorithm will replace the existing system and will be reinforced by Notices to Staff, and briefings to healthcare about the different restraint arrangements to assist them in contributing to escort risk assessments.</p>	31 st July 2017 Security/ Safer Custody