

Action Plan- Robert English. HMP Northumberland. NC. 17/08/2017

No	Recommendation	Accepted/Not Accepted	Response	Target date for completion and function responsible
1	The Director and Head of Healthcare should ensure that all staff undertaking risk assessments for prisoners in 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	In light of an earlier similar recommendation alterations to the escort and bedwatch risk assessment were implemented at the beginning of 2018, which took into account the context in which the recommendation was made on that occasion. A further review of the revised risk assessment and associated processes will be carried out taking into account the context in which this recommendation is raised. Necessary alterations will then be made in order to ensure that risk assessments take account of the prisoner's health and actual risk(s) at the time. All staff involved in these risk assessments will be updated of any revisions to the process via a Staff Notice and consideration will be given to an aide memoire being included in the escort/bedwatch risk assessment document.	April 2018 Head of Security
2	The Director should ensure that applications for early release on compassionate grounds are completed and progressed promptly.	Accepted	A protocol will be developed jointly by operational and healthcare staff which will implement a clearer framework for communicating information on residents who are diagnosed with terminal illnesses. This protocol will be presented and agreed by the local healthcare delivery board. When the protocol is activated it will provide a trigger for applications for early release on compassionate grounds to be initiated.	April 2018 Director & Head of Healthcare
3	The Director should ensure that an appropriate member of staff is appointed promptly and engages with and supports the families of seriously ill prisoners. The Director should ensure appropriate managerial support is available for this work.	Accepted	The implementation of the protocol outlined in the second recommendation will better enable the prompt appointment of a family liaison team. In addition, a member of the senior management team who has previously fulfilled the role of family liaison officer (FLO), will coordinate and support the work of the establishments FLO's.	April 2018 Director, Head of Healthcare & Deputy Head of Residence (VP estate & Diversity)