

Action Plan: Death of a Man at HMP Holme House

Action Plan

No	Recommendation	Accepted/Not Accepted	Response	Target date for completion and function responsible	Progress (to be updated after 6 months)
1	<p>The Governor should ensure that prison staff manage prisoners at risk of suicide or self-harm in line with national guidelines, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Taking full account of all known risk factors when determining a prisoner’s risk of suicide or self-harm and fully recording reasons for decisions; ▪ Reducing the level of supervision progressively for prisoners who have been constantly supervised and providing alternative support as the prisoner’s condition improves; and ▪ Setting levels of observations that properly reflects the prisoner’s level of risk. 	Accepted	<p>A Holme House safer custody policy will be produced to address these points and to reflect the Operational Guidance for Developing Local Violence Reduction Strategies that was issued by the Director of Public Sector Prisons in May 2015.</p> <p>It will include sections on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying risk; • Risk factors; • Constant supervision; • Constant supervision aftercare; • Case reviews; • Appropriate levels of observation; • Accurate record keeping. <p>The policy will be issued to staff on a Holme House information notice and a copy of it will be stored in a file accessible to all staff.</p> <p>Management checks on ACCT documents have been improved and Custodial Managers, Duty Governors and Safer Custody staff are all now involved in undertaking them.</p>	Safer Custody 30 June 2015	