

**Action Plan – Richard Edwards. HMP Highpoint. NC. 09/08/2017**

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 understands the legal position and that risk assessments show clear justification for the use of restraints.	Accepted	The risk assessment document includes a section where written justification must be written to justify the use of double cuffs, this has been in place since March 2015. The use of restraints for residents out at hospital on bed watches will be discussed at the operational daily briefing, where there is representation from Healthcare and Governors. The daily briefing sheet will be updated by the end of February 2018 to include a review of restraints and all stakeholders will be advised of this change in practice by email. The risk assessment will also reflect any changes following review. Duty Governors have been issued with guidance on the use of restraints for residents who are critically ill at hospital to ensure that all current factors are taken into account e.g. current medical condition. This guidance will be re-issued before the end of February 2018.	28 February 2018  Head of Security
2	The Governor and Head of Healthcare should ensure that compassionate release applications are kept under review and resubmitted without delay when a prisoner's condition deteriorates significantly.	Accepted	Operational managers will ensure that residents are aware of the compassionate release process via a notice to prisoners by the end of February 2018. This will be discussed on each operational managers quality assurance visit if the resident's condition has significantly deteriorated and managers have been made aware of this via email in January 2018. Managers will be made aware by email of this change of practice in February 2018. Healthcare will support this process by providing up to date reports on the resident's condition and prognosis, whilst ensuring patient confidentiality. From February 2018 this will be done at the daily operational meeting where prisoners on bed watches are discussed. Key stakeholders including OMU and Healthcare are present at this meeting to ensure that compassionate release can be considered.	28 February 2018.  Head of Safer Prisons and Head of Healthcare / Head of OMU