

Action Plan – Herman Rowe. HMP Highpoint. NC. 01/06/2018

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 risk assessments show clear justification on the use of restraints.	Accepted	<p>When the notification is received that a prisoner has a terminal diagnosis or is seriously ill e.g. coma or other incapacitation, the Head of Healthcare and Head of Safer Prisons will visit the prisoner at the hospital and make an assessment of his condition (medical and security). This will be recorded on SystemOne, NOMIS and the Governors Log. The Governors log will be immediately opened and now includes a section for the daily recording of restraints and staffing arrangements and justification for this arrangement. This was implemented on 26 October 2018. The use of restraints will be carefully considered for men with terminal diagnosis at hospital along with the risk(s) posed by the prisoner at the time including their health in accordance with the legal judgment. The prisoner and restraints arrangements will then be discussed at the multi-disciplinary daily operational briefing which will be recorded on the Governors log. The Governor or Deputy Governor will take personal oversight of the management of restraints arrangements in such circumstances.</p> <p>With regards to escorts leaving the establishment, the Risk Assessment has been amended to include a section on medication condition. This is filled in by the authorising Governor and informs the decision with regards to staff and restraints. In addition, the section on the Risk Assessments that deals with restraints also requires comments to justify the restraints arrangement.</p>	Completed Governor & Head of Healthcare
2	The Prison Group Director, Hertfordshire, Essex and Suffolk Group should assure himself that meaningful action is taken to address this recommendation	Accepted	The above action is recorded on HMP Highpoint's Consolidation Action Plan (CAP), which is shared with and reviewed by the HES Prison Group Director on a quarterly basis. The Group Safety Team will also ensure that this is reviewed during their visits to the establishment from their January 2019 visit and will provide some secondary assurance to the restraint and staffing arrangements. This process was implemented in October 2018.	Completed HES Regional office / Governor