

Action Plan – Peter Coates HMP Whatton NC 16/07/2018

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 in hospital understand the legal position on the use of restraints and that assessments fully take into account the health of a prisoner and are based on the actual risk the prisoner presents at the time.	Accepted	<p>The local risk assessment form reflects the requirements contained in the standard risk assessment form within the National Security Framework. This has been amended to include the medical opinion about a prisoner’s mobility and ability to escape. The bedwatch document also has a section where a daily assessment of the risk is made by a manager band 5 or above. The risk assessment has a section where a full written explanation regarding the condition of the prisoner at the time of the escort is completed and how this affects risk.</p> <p>The Head of Safer Custody will remind all relevant staff in writing regarding the local risk assessment document and the bedwatch log, ensuring that all staff undertaking risk assessments for prisoners taken to hospital understand the legal position, i.e. that assessments must fully take into account the health of a prisoner and be based on the actual risk that the prisoner presents at the time. For HMP Whatton this must always include risks of a sexual nature to those working or visiting the hospital.</p>	Head of Safety 31 st January 2019
2	The Governor should ensure that a family liaison officer is appointed and next of kin are informed when a prisoner is in hospital for more than a short period, particularly if the prisoner’s health is deteriorating.	Accepted	The Head of Safety will meet weekly with the Head of Healthcare to discuss FLO allocation for those with serious and life threatening/limiting illness. The daily briefing sheet will be amended to include a section for FLO consideration. This will ensure that it is also discussed daily at the operational meeting.	<p>Head of Safety Complete</p> <p>Head of Safety 31st January 2019</p>