

Action Plan – Mr Kenneth Edge at HMP Liverpool – Natural Cause on 08/09/2018

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| 1 | <p>The Governor and Head of Healthcare should ensure that all staff undertaking risk assessments for prisoners taken to 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.</p> | Accepted | <p>It is protocol for the medical section of the hospital risk assessment is completed by healthcare staff prior to escort. This must take into account any reasons or concerns relating to the application of restraints including any medical issues relating to this.</p> <p>The form is then completed by the security department and checked and signed by the Security Governor, Duty Governor or Deputy Governor.</p> <p>The completed risk assessment will consider the risk the prisoner presents at the time and this will determine the strength of the escort and the level of restraints appropriate to the escort.</p> <p>This is subject to review to be considered following any changes of conditions in health, behaviour or any other information. Any prisoner in outside hospital and under guard conditions will be visited on a daily basis by a custodial manager who will check on the guard to ensure everything is in order and to determine if any changes are required. Guard staff will also have the option to contact the duty Governor if they consider a change of circumstances, including the prisoner's health, has occurred.</p> <p>An email was issued in May 2018 by HMP Liverpool's Head of Safer Living to all appropriate operational staff, including healthcare, to ensure that all staff involved in the risk assessment completion and checks understand the legal position.</p> | <p>Complete</p> <p>Head of Safer Living</p> |

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| | | | A further email has been sent to all the appropriate staff by Head of Safer Living in January 2019 to remind them of their responsibilities to ensure that consideration is given to all escort restraints to ensure that the dignity of the prisoner is maintained and the need to use restraints for security purposes is balanced with decency and the health of the individual. | |
| 2 | <p>The Governor should revise the prison's escort risk assessment form to ensure that it requires:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • healthcare staff to say whether the prisoner's current state of health has an impact on his mobility; and • prison staff to show that they have taken this information into account in assessing the prisoner's current level of risk. | Accepted | <p>This Hospital Escort form was revised in July 2018. The new form has a dedicated section for the prison healthcare provider to highlight any mobility difficulties and if there is a need for any walking aids to be used. This section of the form will assist those determining the level of escort on their decision on the use of restraints and the strength of the escort to record what factors they have taken into account in arriving at their decision.</p> <p>All old style hospital risk assessment forms have been removed from the orderly officer folder ensuring that only the most up to date version is available.</p> | Complete Head of Security |
| 3 | The Governor should ensure that prisoners' documentation is stored securely and can be retrieved, as necessary. | Accepted | At times when escort staff return to the establishment, the Risk Assessment, PER form and all related documentation is returned, by the escorting staff, to the security department. This is quality checked by a band 5 Custodial Manager in the security department prior to being stored securely in the prisoner's core record in the registry department. This was implemented in January 2019. | Complete Governor |