

Action Plan – Mr Harold Anthony at HMP & YOI Wormwood Scrubs – Natural Cause on 21/10/2018

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| 1 | 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. | Accepted | <p>The prison will e-mail advice to all operational managers who have responsibility for authorising escorts (including Custodial Managers in night state), so that they are fully aware of this issue, understand the legal position and take into account the prisoner’s health and actual risk.</p> <p>We will also improve our awareness of the prisoner’s health at time of escort by introducing an extra question for medical staff in the risk assessment (see next response below).</p> | <p>30 April 2019</p> <p>Head of Safety</p> |
| 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, and should send the Ombudsman a copy of the revised form. | Accepted | <p>The current form includes a question for the medical staff regarding mobility of the prisoner. In addition, the following question has been added into the assessment:</p> <p>“Is there any other medical reason why it might be inappropriate to apply cuffs (e.g. terminal illness, life-threatening injuries)? Yes / no (if yes, please specify).”</p> <p>A question will also be added to the authorising manager’s section of the risk assessment, requiring them to consider the medical advice on mobility when recommending cuffing arrangements and confirming that they have taken into consideration the prisoner’s state of health and actual risk.</p> | <p>30 April 2019</p> <p>CM Security</p> |
| 3 | The Governor should ensure that appropriate priority is given to dealing with applications for | Accepted | The Deputy Governor or Head of Safety now chair a case review immediately after being informed that a prisoner has been identified as having less than six months to live. | <p>30 April 2019</p> <p>Head of Safety</p> |

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| | compassionate release for terminally ill prisoners and that they are submitted without delay. | | An e-mail will be sent to Offender Management Unit and Healthcare managers, ensuring they are aware of this approach and refer prisoners at the earliest possible opportunity. Healthcare managers have highlighted that this will still rely on the prisoner's consent but, where this is gained, information will be shared immediately. | |