

Action Plan – John Abrahams. HMP Onley. NC. 10/01/2018

No	Recommendation	Accepted/Not Accepted	Response	Target date for completion and function responsible
1	The Governor should liaise with the local coroner and the police to establish appropriate and effective protocols for deaths in custody.	Accepted	There are ongoing discussions between Governor, Northamptonshire Police and the Northamptonshire Coroner to establish appropriate protocols regarding deaths in custody at HMP Onley. The aim is to reach an agreement by October 2018.	October 2018 Governor
2	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 local escort risk assessment document will be amended by the end of September 2018 to ensure that healthcare professionals understand that the prisoner’s ability to escape (alongside any other factors) should be documented where it could lead to a change in staffing or cuffing arrangements.</p> <p>All staff who are authorised to sign escort risk assessments will be advised in September 2018 that healthcare information must be used to inform escort staffing levels and cuffing arrangements.</p> <p>Healthcare staff will also be reminded that should the prisoner’s health conditions change whilst he is on escort and this may affect the escort staffing level or cuffing arrangement the Duty Governor must be informed immediately to ensure a review is completed.</p> <p>Complex clinical cases with longer term health issues will be subject to case management planning by the Heads of Residence and Safety, Healthcare and Security.</p>	September 2018 Head of Healthcare
3	The Prison Group Director for East Midlands Group should ensure that effective action is taken to implement this repeat recommendation about the inappropriate use of restraints at HMP Onley.	Accepted	East Midlands Group staff will ensure that they see evidence that staff who make the risk assessments for prisoners going to hospital have been made aware of the legal position which will be evidenced by an email sent to all staff likely to make this decision that will be copied to the Safety Lead. It will be sent annually from September 2018, to capture staff moving into this role and to prevent any future repeat recommendations.	September 2018 East Midlands Group Safety Lead

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			<p>The legal position on cuffing will be written into the Local Security Strategy and Emergency Escort Despatching Protocol in September 2018 which again evidences that this recommendation is being adhered to.</p> <p>The Safety Lead on behalf of the Prison Group Director (PGD), will carry out checks visits by reviewing historic risk assessments for escort commencing in September 2018. Spot checks will also be undertaken on behalf of the PGD on staff who make the decision to cuff or not cuff to check their knowledge and will be reflected in reporting assurance to the PGD.</p>	