

Action Plan: Colin Marchant, HMP Elmley, death on 26/03/2016.

No	Recommendation	Accepted/Not Accepted	Response	Target date for completion and function responsible
1	The Governor and Head of Healthcare should ensure that staff undertaking risk assessments for prisoners taken to hospital understand the legal position, 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>A local notice to staff (NTS) was issued in September 2016 to remind staff that prisoner escort risk assessments must take fully into account the current health of a prisoner and be based on the actual risk the prisoner presents at the time when considering the levels of restraint applied, and must not be decided on security categorisation alone. This NTS reminds staff to use the local escort risk assessment template which was revised in April 2016 following national communications about the legal requirement to consider the prisoner's current risk in light of their health. The local risk assessment ensures that the information provided by health providers is given greater weight in the overall assessment, and reminds staff that the risk assessment needs to be revisited if there is any change in circumstances.</p> <p>Complex clinical cases with longer term health issues will be subject to case management planning by the Heads of Security and Healthcare and will be subject to internal and external audits.</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Head of Safer Prisons</p>