

**Action Plan- Douglas Ferguson . HMP High Down . NC .23/11/2017**

No	Recommendation	Accepted/Not Accepted	Response	Target date for completion and function responsible
1	The Governor should ensure that all staff undertaking risk assessments for prisoners taken to hospital understand the legal position and that risk assessments show clear justification for the use of restraints.	Accepted	<p>The Governor has written to, and met with, all operational managers to ensure that they fully understand the legal position of the use of restraints and the factors they need to take into account when determining the appropriate level of restraint for any escorts outside the prison.</p> <p>The Head of Healthcare will advise the Head of Security of any prisoners who have specific medical issues, and that such information will be fed into the overall risk assessment.</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Governor</p> <p>April 2018</p> <p>Head of Healthcare and Head of Security</p>
2	The Prison Group Director, Surrey and Sussex, should assure himself that the Governor takes effective action to address the inappropriate use of restraints at HMP High Down.	Accepted	<p>This has been discussed with the Governor and the importance of the issue both in terms of decency and legality has been emphasised. Furthermore, the Prison Group Director has written to all the Governors in his Group to emphasise the importance of this matter. The Regional Assurance Manager and Safer Custody Lead will dip test PER forms for elderly prisoners at 3 monthly intervals to check restraint instructions. Potential compassionate release cases will be monitored by the Prison Group Director's office and copies of the PPO report and action plan will be sent to the London Group Director who will monitor recommendations/actions from 1 May 2018.</p>	<p>Completed and Ongoing</p> <p>Prison Group Director</p>
3	The Governor should ensure that when prisoners are considered as terminally ill, with a short time left to live, the option of compassionate release is fully considered with the patient and documented	Accepted	<p>In all future cases where a prisoner is given such a diagnosis, the Head of Offender Management will ensure that an application for compassionate release is fully considered with the prisoner, documented and submitted.</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Head of Offender Management</p>