

Action Plan – Dean Louis Barrell. HMP Lewes. Self- Inflicted. 13/02/2017

No	Recommendation	Accepted/Not Accepted	Response	Target date for completion and function responsible
1	<p>The Governor should ensure that prison staff manage prisoners at risk of suicide or self-harm in line with national guidelines, including that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All uniformed staff in contact with prisoners are issued with a personal ligature-cutting tool and that it is worn at all times while on duty. • All staff in contact with prisoners are trained in suicide and self-harm prevention procedures with appropriate refresher training. • Staff ensure they receive a response from prisoners if they are not visible and otherwise enter the cell 	Accepted	<p>All staff in contact with prisoners are required to carry a personal ligature-cutting tool also known as a 'fish knife'. The Safer Custody department has ownership of these and a full audit has been carried out to ensure that all staff have been issued with one.</p> <p>Since September 2017 monthly spot checks have been carried out and recorded by the Safer Custody team to ensure that staff are complying with the requirement to carry the tool on their person.</p> <p>HMP Lewes are currently delivering the national Suicide and Self Harm (SASH) training package. This training began in July 2017 and the projected completion date is March 2019 in line with nationally agreed guidance. This training combines six modules including Recognising Risks and Triggers, Conversing with Vulnerable People, ACCT (Assessment, Care in Custody and Teamwork), Referring Prisoners, Resilience, and Mental Health. The prison are currently on track to meet the completion date target. All new staff receive SASH training as part of their initial prison officer training.</p> <p>A notice to staff was issued on 18th October 2017 outlining the need for staff to enter a cell when they do not receive a response from a prisoner, when deemed safe to do so.</p>	Safer Custody March 2019