

**Action Plan – Mr Joshua Scholick at HMP Durham on 29/09/2018 – Unclassified**

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1	<p>The Governor should ensure that the key drug issues at Durham are identified and that the prison's local drugs strategy is revised to ensure that these key issues are being addressed, including the trafficking and trading of prescription medication.</p>	Accepted	<p>A Vulnerability Assessment (VA) was completed in January 2019, this identified areas of weakness within HMP Durham where illicit items could enter the prison, and these recommendations were accepted in full and have been included in the new drug supply reduction strategy that we published in June 2019, following national guidance being issued.</p> <p>A new full body scanner was installed in April 2019, all new receptions are now scanned to detect internally secreted items (VA highlighted this as a route), and anyone found positive is made subject to the secreted items policy. A Dedicated Search Team (DST) was created, this group was expanded in May and now provides 4 staff to each session Mon-Fri and 2 at weekends, this provides consistency in this area, staff that are dedicated to reducing illicit items entering the prison, they ensure adequate patrolling/ searching takes place for each session. A new Portal archway scanner is being installed in August 2019 to further restrict illicit items entering. There is a new Local Threat Assessment approach to security that has been adopted to ensure a focus is always maintained on current risks, and that intelligence is acted on in a timely manner.</p> <p>The DST also carry out MDT function. CCTV has been upgraded in May 2019 from 2 PTZ to 10 PTZ, a second control panel has also been installed to allow a second member of staff to assist on cameras, bid in place to include this in profiles. New cameras have been ordered for line route and hotspot areas, this includes medication dispensing points, and these points are also attended by staff who have been briefed on the importance of vigilance at dispensing times. Cameras along labour move routes will assist in disrupting/ detecting the movement of</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Head of Security</p>

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			<p>illicit articles or associated bullying behaviours.</p> <p>Funding has been secured for netting to be installed in throw-over hotspot areas to reduce this risk, this will allow the area dog team to be deployed more frequently within the establishment (currently patrolling throw over points as deterrent). The drug supply reduction strategy covers all three strands including reducing demand.</p> <p>Work will continue to develop to meet the needs of the establishment and changes to risks.</p>	
2	<p>The Prison Group Director for Tyne and Wear should satisfy himself that Durham is taking appropriate action to address the supply of and demand for drugs, and should report his conclusions to the Ombudsman.</p>	Accepted	<p>Regular assurance visits are in place, in addition to a Bi-Lat process between the Governor and the Prison Group Director. All targets (including MDT) are closely monitored via insights, Hub and other monitoring tools. A peer audit is planned for the coming months.</p>	<p>October 2019</p> <p>Prison Group Director</p>