

Action Plan – Mr Alan Millward at HMP Birmingham – Natural Cause on 27/10/2019

No	Recommendation	Accepted/ Not Accepted	Response	Target date for completion and function responsible
1	<p>The Governor and Head of Healthcare should ensure that all staff undertaking risk assessments for prisoners taken to hospital understand the legal position, and that assessments fully take into account the health of the prisoner and are based on the actual risk the prisoner presents at the time.</p>	Accepted	<p>The documentation for risk assessments was reviewed and revised in July 2019. The new documentation explicitly asks Authorising Governors to sign to say that they have considered the prisoner’s current health and mobility when making a decision regarding use of restraints. A meeting was held in August 2019 with appropriate staff to discuss the new risk assessment process.</p> <p>In November 2019, during the Quarterly Review meeting of Ombudsman’s recommendations, the use of restraints was further discussed. During this meeting, that was attended by Governor grades and the Head of Healthcare all staff undertaking risk assessments for prisoners taken to hospital, were reminded of the importance of the legal position, and that assessments fully take into account the health of the prisoner and are based on the actual risk the prisoner presents at the time.</p>	<p>Complete Governor & Head of Healthcare</p>
2	<p>The Governor should revise the risk assessment form for hospital escorts to make it clear that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • healthcare staff must provide information on the prisoner’s current state of health and mobility; and • prison managers must confirm that they have read and taken into account the healthcare information 	Accepted	<p>The risk assessment documentation was reviewed in July 2019 and introduced following a meeting in August 2019. The process and repeat recommendation were further discussed in a meeting in November 2019.</p> <p>The current risk assessment requires Healthcare staff to provide information on the prisoner’s current state of health and mobility and requires managers to confirm that they have read and taken into account the healthcare information about the prisoner’s current state of health and mobility in determining the level of security needed.</p>	<p>Complete Governor</p>

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	about the prisoner's current state of health and mobility in determining the level of security needed.			
3	The Prison Group Director for West Midlands should assure herself that meaningful action is taken to ensure that this happens.	Accepted	HMP Birmingham have addressed the actions within this action plan and the Prison Group Director is satisfied and assured that measures are being taken to address the concerns that the PPO has highlighted. The support an assurance visits completed by the West Midlands regional safety team will dip test progress in February and March 2020 against the recommendations and practice.	Complete Regional Safety Team on behalf of PGD