

Action Plan – Mr Walter Howes at HMP Wakefield – Natural Causes on 04/05/2019

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 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>All band 8 Managers are fully aware of the Graham judgement and have all been specifically trained in the meaning and effect of this judgment (October 2019), and on the need take into account the presenting mobility of the prisoner and the seriousness of the actual condition.</p> <p>Additionally, there is a new section in the risk assessment (from October 2019) that places a positive requirement upon the manager completing any escort risk assessment to confirm that they have considered the Graham judgement when making decisions in relation to cuffing.</p> <p>Healthcare also provide information on a completed pro-forma that takes into consideration the mobility, disability and general health of the prisoner. This remains with the Prison's risk assessment paperwork and is also considered when decisions relating to handcuffing are agreed. These forms are subject to spot checks from the Practice Manager and Head of Healthcare.</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Governor & Head of Healthcare</p>
2	The Executive Director for the High Security and Long-Term Estate should assure himself that meaningful action is taken to ensure that this happens.	Accepted	Following the concerns raised by the Prison and Probation Ombudsman (PPO) in relation to the completion of risk assessments for individuals with palliative, end of life care needs and those with serious injury being handcuffed while escorted to hospital, the Security group on behalf of the Executive Director have amended and re-issued the operational guidance document as of November 2019; this has been distributed to all sites in the Directorate.	<p>Complete</p> <p>Security Group & Group Safety Lead</p>

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			The Executive Director will also seek assurance through the LTHSE Group Safety team, who will complete an on-going review of recommendations during visits to the establishment	
3	The Governor should remind staff that the PPO should be provided with any material they request, in line with PSI 58/2010.	Accepted	In this case there has been clear miss communication with the PPO which has also been reviewed by the regional support team. Information sharing has therefore been improved as result of this finding. Functional heads have been reminded about the importance to support the PPO in their investigations and provide the information needed.	Complete Governor
4	The Governor should ensure that in cases where there are no security considerations or the possibility that a crime may have been committed, hospital nurses are allowed to complete the last offices for a deceased prisoner.	Accepted	Where possible the last offices will be permitted, however whilst in a custodial environment, upon initial discovery of the deceased the body and the environment must be preserved as a potential crime scene and be handed over to the police and crime scene investigation team. Following this process the deceased is usually collected by the coroner. If this collection is delayed and the police are happy to release the deceased then it would be appropriate for the nursing team to carry out last offices. All deaths in custody are treated as suspicious by the police, as stipulated in Prison Service Instruction 64/2011 & Prison Service Order 1400 Incident management.	Complete Governor