

Action Plan – Paul Evans at HMP Cardiff on 12/10/2018

No	Recommendation	Accepted/Not Accepted	Response	Target date for completion and function responsible
1	<p>The Governor of Cardiff should ensure there are effective supply and demand reduction strategies to help eradicate the availability of psychoactive substances, and that staff are vigilant to signs of their use and know how to respond when a prisoner appears to be under the influence of such substances.</p>	Accepted	<p>In October 2018, HMP Cardiff reviewed its Drug and Alcohol strategy to ensure that an effective supply and demand reduction strategy is in place to help eradicate the availability of psychoactive substances (PS) within the establishment, as well as reducing the harm caused to prisoners through the use of PS.</p> <p>The establishment has recognised the risks association with illicit substances and utilises intelligence to inform its practices in reducing the supply and demand of them. Since May 2018 HMP Cardiff, have introduced a system to check incoming mail by use of an itemiser which tests a sample of the letter and identifies if it has come in contact with illicit substances. It also provides the prisoner with a photocopy of their mail rather than the original letter to manage drug supply. Further, it has enhanced its searching capability of staff, visitors and prisoners to prevent illicit substances from entering the establishment.</p> <p>HMP Cardiff shares all drug related intelligence and Mandatory Drug Testing (MDT) failures with its partners Dyfodol (substance misuse practitioners) and healthcare. Both teams attend the monthly security meeting where drug trends and intelligence are discussed. The minutes of the meeting are shared with all staff via the establishment's shared drive.</p>	Governor Completed

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			<p>Staff were reminded in December 2018 through a Governor's notice that they must be vigilant to signs of psychoactive substance misuse and how to respond when a prisoner appears to be under the influence of such substances. Staff were also reminded that where psychoactive substances are believed to have been taken, they must liaise with healthcare colleagues and open a psychoactive substances observations log, which will then be returned to healthcare and logged onto SystmOne.</p>	