

Action Plan – Mr Roger Weir at HMP Berwyn – Natural Cause on 22/10/2019

No	Recommendation	Accepted/ Not Accepted	Response	Target date for completion and function responsible
1	The Head of Healthcare should ensure that all NEWS scores are undertaken accurately and documented in the clinical records.	Accepted	The Head of Healthcare has ensured that the process of taking and recording NEWS Scores has been revised and the new process is now embedded with an accompanying assurance framework. This action was completed after the 72 Hour Review following Mr Weir’s Death and was finalised in November 2019.	Complete Head of Healthcare
2	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>The Governor commissioned a review in December 2019 of the Risk Assessment process in the period following the death of Mr Weir to include the Graham Judgement. This judgement clearly requires that those completing and signing off Risk Assessments take into account the medical condition and mobility of the prisoner going out to hospital and to challenge themselves as to whether cuffs are required or not or indeed whether they are clinically appropriate at the time or not. Advice is sought in all cases from the on-site clinical support on the latter.</p> <p>This Guidance was issued to Operational (Duty) Governors and Orderly Officers on the 14th December 2019 and a Representative Sample Based Assurance Process is in place (50% of all Escorts).</p>	Complete Governor
3	<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 	Accepted	<p>The Governor commissioned a review of the Risk Assessment process in the period following the death of Mr Weir to include the Graham Judgement and this issue was also in scope.</p> <p>The revised process and accompanying form was put in place in December 2019 and includes the following:</p>	Complete Governor

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prison managers must 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. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All prisoners exiting on escort have a form included in their Escort Documentation that is completed by Healthcare and recommends cuffing levels based on their clinical condition, their physical capacity at the time and the treatment they are expecting to receive at hospital. • Both the Orderly Officer and Victor 1 (Duty Governor) are required to sign off the Risk Assessment before the escort departs (save for very exceptional circumstances) and both are required to pay due regard to the recommendations within the Healthcare Form. The assessing manager will state within the assessment form that due regard has been paid to the individual's clinical condition/physical capacity. 	
4	<p>The Governor should ensure that next of kin are informed as soon as it becomes clear that a prisoner is seriously ill.</p>	Accepted	<p>The Governor has revised the process internally to ensure that the Next of Kin are informed as soon as there is any concern surrounding a risk to life and/or very serious illness that could progress. This is considered to be decent practice. The Establishment will, at the point of this becoming evident in any case, appoint a Family Liaison Officer who will make contact with the appointed Next of Kin.</p> <p>There is established liaison between the on-site Healthcare Staff and their colleagues at the local Hospital and this serves to support accurate clinical update however following review we are collectively seeking a variation to our Memorandum of Understanding with the Health Board to formalise our Information Sharing Arrangements. The completion of this has been delayed due to COVID 19 however we would hope to finalise by the end of November 2020.</p>	<p>Complete Governor November 2020</p>