

Action Plan – Mr John Penfold at HMP Elmley – Natural Causes on 29/11/2020

No	Recommendation	Accepted/ Not Accepted	Response	Target date for completion and function responsible
1	The Governor should ensure that applications for early release on compassionate grounds for prisoners with terminal illnesses are prioritised and completed without delay, including emailing them to the Public Protection Casework Section promptly and keeping a record of action taken.	Accepted	<p>A new process has been devised (March 2021) and implemented where the Head of Healthcare is responsible for generating compassionate release applications following a terminal diagnosis. This is then passed to the Offender Management Unit (OMU) and overseen by the Head of OMU who is responsible for ensuring the application is processed and sent off in a timely manner and all relevant parties notified. OMU will monitor and record all actions on a Compassionate Release database and on the NOMIS case notes.</p> <p>A monthly Healthcare and Safeguarding meeting discusses and oversees any prisoners who fall within end of life care or terminal illness.</p>	Complete Governor