

Action Plan – Mr Leon Eastwood at HMP Belmarsh – Natural Causes on 02/04/2020

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 on the use of restraints and that, in all cases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • healthcare staff complete the medical information section of the escort risk assessment to say whether the prisoner's current medical condition affects their mobility and risk of escape; and • authorising managers show that they have taken this information into account when assessing a prisoner's current level of risk. 	Accepted	<p>In accordance with Belmarsh's local security strategy, all risk assessments, including those for hospital escorts, require completion by members of several departments within the establishment, including Healthcare, Security and senior managers. Included with these risk assessments is a summary of the Graham Judgement (2007) for staff to consider prior to signing off the appropriate level of restraint.</p> <p>Healthcare staff access SystmOne when completing risk assessments to ensure that the information they are providing in regards to a prisoner's health is up to date which will include comment on the prisoner's mobility if impaired.</p> <p>Security staff refer to the Mercury Intelligence System for up to date security information.</p> <p>Authorising managers will sign and date risk assessments to confirm that information from all areas has been provided, and read, and that they agree that this information is accurate and appropriate. This will include taking into account any comment made by Healthcare regarding the prisoner's mobility, which will be recorded within their decision.</p> <p>There is an opportunity for authorising managers not to accept the recommendations of the risk assessment presented to them, but any alternatives implemented must be documented and justified.</p> <p>Security department managers will undertake refresher training for staff involved in the risk assessment process.</p>	<p>February 2021</p> <p>Head of Security</p>
2	The Governor should ensure that:	Accepted	When a prisoner is admitted into hospital, consideration as to when their next of kin will be informed is given, dependent upon the prisoner's medical	February 2021

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • staff notify a prisoner's next of kin as soon as possible when they become seriously ill; and • introduces a local policy on family liaison that reflects Prison Rule 22. 		<p>diagnosis, security categorisation, details of offence, and length of time that he is expected to be in hospital.</p> <p>All prisoner's next of kin will be advised if there is an immediate risk to life. All prisoners are encouraged to submit next of kin contact details upon arrival at the establishment, but in the event that these are not available, our Chaplaincy team will endeavour to trace contact details.</p> <p>If the prisoner's medical condition is not considered, by nursing staff at the hospital, to be a threat to life, next of kin are contacted after 72 hours, if the prisoner remains in hospital.</p> <p>The establishment will ensure that a reviewed local Family Liaison policy is published, and distributed to all identified Family Liaison officers and managers, that details the responsibility that if a prisoner either dies, becomes seriously ill, sustains a severe injury, or is removed to hospital on account of mental disorder, the prisoner's spouse, next of kin or any other person relevant to the prisoner should be informed.</p> <p>In the event of a prisoner's death, the Police, coroner, Independent Monitoring board and Deputy Director of Custody will all be notified immediately.</p>	<p>FLO Coordinator</p>