

# Action Plan in response to the PPO Report into the death of Mr Robert Dewey on 02/05/2021 at HMP Elmley

Rec No	Recommendation	Accepted / Not accepted	Response Action Taken / Planned	Responsible Owner and Organisation	Target Date
1	The Director of Health and Justice at NHS England should consider whether in addition to methadone and buprenorphine, all controlled drugs which have been prescribed in the community, should be reviewed before they are restarted in prison.	Not accepted	Upon reception, appropriateness of all medicines, including Controlled Drugs, should be reviewed at reception by a prescriber, who will need to confirm doses received and to continue at current dose for first night prescribing. It is good practice for all medicines prescribing to be confirmed with medicines reconciliation within 72 hours. We provide assurance that this practice has been reviewed and fully implemented. This is in accordance with the Royal College of General Practitioners Safer Prescribing in Prisons Guidance for Clinicians 2019. <a href="#">RCGPsafeprescribinginprisons2019..pdf</a> (bulger.co.uk)	NHSEI	Completed
2	The Head of Healthcare at Elmley should ensure that when a prisoner arrives at the prison, their medication is reviewed promptly and the	Accepted	In line with guidance, when a prisoner arrives at the prison their medication is reviewed as part of the reception process and they are prescribed their current dosage for the first night in custody.	Head of Healthcare Integrated Care 24 (IC24)	Completed



	rationale for continuing with any community prescribed controlled drugs is recorded in their medical record.		Reception nurses also ask for information on alcohol and substance misuse and this is recorded in the reception template on SystemOne.		
3	The Head of Healthcare should share a copy of this report with the GP who reviewed Mr Dewey's medication and discuss the Ombudsman's findings with them.	Accepted	A copy of the report has been shared with the GP.	Head of Healthcare IC24	Completed
4	The Head of Healthcare should ensure that healthcare staff fully understand the circumstances in which resuscitation is inappropriate, in accordance with European Resuscitation Council Guidelines.	Accepted	In December 2021 a notice to healthcare staff was issued and guidance on when not to resuscitate was discussed with the nursing team. A copy of the resuscitation policy was also shared with staff.	Head of Healthcare IC24	Completed

