

Action Plan in response to the PPO Report into the death of Roy Woodward 23/07/2022 HMP Altcourse

Rec No	Recommendation	Accepted / Not accepted	Response Action Taken / Planned	Responsible Owner and Organisation	Target Date
1	The Director should ensure that prisoners are able to attend two-week-wait suspected cancer pathway hospital appointments.	Accepted	<p>The Prison provides a minimum of 4 scheduled hospital appointments on a daily basis and aims to ensure that any other appointments are facilitated at the earliest possible time taking into account other health emergencies and operational requirements.</p> <p>The Prison and Healthcare Teams have clear communication pathways to ensure that any appointments that cannot be facilitated on the day scheduled, are rearranged for the earliest possible date. This includes those appointments under the two-week-wait suspected cancer pathway and ensures that they are prioritised within that time</p>	Head of Security and Healthcare	Complete
2	The Director 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 assessments fully take into	Accepted	<p>Healthcare contributes towards the substantial risk assessment pack that is completed for every prisoner transferred to hospital. This pack is reviewed on a regular basis by the Security Team.</p> <p>The Head of Security has reviewed the process and reiterated the policy to decision-makers within the establishment to ensure that the health of a prisoner is a</p>	Healthcare and Head of Security	Complete

	account the health of a prisoner and are based on the actual risk the prisoner presents at the time.		<p>contributing factor when establishing risk and security measures.</p> <p>The Prevention of Escapes policy was cascaded in January 2023 to all Senior Managers and Duty Directors with responsibility for completing initial paperwork. The Security department complete regular quality assurance of the escort paperwork to ensure compliance with the policy.</p>		
3	The Head of Custodial Contracts for HMPPS should write to the Ombudsman to set out what action he has taken to satisfy himself that meaningful improvements have been made to the assessment of risk and use of restraints on terminally ill prisoners.	Accepted	Assurance measures implemented were detailed in a letter to the Ombudsman in March 2023.	<p>Executive Director of Custodial Contracts &</p> <p>Contract Management Team</p>	Complete

