

Action Plan in response to the PPO Report into the death of

John Gordon on 17 May 2022 at HMP Swaleside

Rec No	Recommendation	Accepted / Not accepted	Response Action Taken / Planned	Responsible Owner and Organisation	Target Date
1	The Head of Healthcare should ensure that older prisoners who are at risk of falls have an up-to-date falls risk assessment, updated annually or when their risk changes in line with NICE guidelines.	Accepted	<p>An elderly person's clinic has been developed which captures all patients over the age of 65 and includes measures as routine such as falls risk assessments, malnutrition scores, long term condition and chronic condition management and basic observation levels. This will work to provide early detection and prevention of future health issues and generate any referrals needed. Any patients deemed at risk of falls are also routinely referred to our safeguarding lead for discussion at an MDT level.</p> <p>The over 65 clinic is run routinely at weekends and an over 50 clinic on a Monday afternoon.</p>	Head of Healthcare	07/03/2023
2	The Governor should ensure that prisoners who use a wheelchair are located in a cell suitable for their needs or are provided with a wheelchair that fits through the cell door and that wheelchairs provided to prisoners are properly maintained.	Accepted	<p>Our Offender Categorization Allocation department has confirmed that wheelchair users are only transferred in if there is suitable accommodation. However, we would also need to consider that if someone is in a normal cell but then has a social care assessment that says he now needs a wheelchair, we would need to relocate them, but space may not be available. No prisoner is accepted at HMP Swaleside unless an appropriate cell is available. If a prisoner is determined the need for a wheelchair whilst residing at HMP</p>	<p>Health, Life limiting meeting chair</p> <p>Offender Categorization Allocation</p>	07/03/2023



			<p>Swaleside and no cell is available, the most accessible location is allocated, this is often in the inpatients department where regular medical support is available, until a more appropriate location can be found, This is often escalated to Prisoner Management Unit to assist.</p> <p>Maintenance and repairs of wheelchairs for prisoner owned wheelchairs is conducted by Millbrook and coordinated by the Kent County Council care provider. For wheelchairs owned by the prison, maintenance, and repairs are conducted by Caretech.</p>		
3	The Governor should ensure that applications for compassionate release are progressed in a timely manner and submitted as promptly as possible.	Accepted	<p>All those with life limiting illness are discussed at the life limiting illness meeting. This meeting will refer to Offender Management Unit (OMU) to begin the process relating to release on compassionate grounds. This will be documented in the minutes of the meeting and issued as an action point with an accountable person attached to the action. Monthly life limiting meetings will highlight any prisoner where an application for compassionate release is identified, actions made for the head of OMU to commence the application. In the event of more immediate concerns, the application may be commenced at the earliest opportunity without the need for the life limiting meeting to determine the need.</p>	<p>Head of Offender Management Unit</p> <p>Health, Life limiting meeting chair</p>	07/03/2023

