

Action Plan in response to the PPO Report into the death of Mr Thomas Hart 05/12/2021 HMP Ranby

Rec No	Recommendation	Accepted / Not accepted	Response Action Taken / Planned	Responsible Owner and Organisation	Target Date
1	HMPPS Directorate of Security, Order and Counter Terrorism should review the national body scanner policy to ensure it provides clear instructions for operators on what to do in the event of an inconclusive result.	Accepted	<p>The X-Ray Body Scanners Policy Framework has been reviewed and amended to ensure instructions are clear for operators. The relevant amendments (subject to governance sign off) are:</p> <p>5.107 If an operator is unable to interpret an image or make a conclusive determination due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being unsure that there is an internal concealment • Obstruction i.e. belts / buttons, etc. • Movement (attempt to sabotage the scan) <p>Then a re-scan(s) needs to be taken to allow the operator to make an informed and accurate interpretation of the image and conclusively determine if it is negative or positive.</p> <p>Immediately after the first scan, the operator may consider turning the prisoner 180 degrees and scanning him with his back to you which will give another perspective of the area of concern.</p> <p>Another option is to place the prisoner in a secure area for a minimum of 20 minutes and then carry out further scans.</p> <p>A subsequent scan(s) should enable the operator to conclusively determine that the prisoner is positive or negative for an internal concealment.</p>	<p>Directorate of Security</p> <p>HMPPS</p>	Complete



			<p>The Framework is subject to governance and an approvals process, that is likely to be completed by April 2024. In the meantime, the above mentioned amendments have been incorporated in the End User training, which every operator must undergo before using the body scanner. This training covers inconclusives and the options open to staff.</p> <p>In addition to this, the Directorate of Security HMPPS issue a monthly bulletin to every establishment operating a body scanner where reminders about the above process are included. This was last published in November 2022 and the next one is due in August 2023. The more recent bulletin also clarifies instructions for newer machines that have a software update; these machines now have an inconclusive option in addition to positive and negative.</p>		
2	The Governor should remind staff of their requirement to record the date, justification, radiation dosage and result of all body scans in the personal care needs section of the prisoner's NOMIS report, as per Use of X-Ray Body Scanners (Adult Male Prisons).	Accepted	<p>HMP Ranby received an RPS Body scanner audit on the 25/5/2023 where we were awarded Green on the audit return.</p> <p>Guidance was sent out to all body scanner operators regarding dosage and the actions recommended by the Ombudsman.</p>	Governor	18/07/2023

