

Action Plan in response to the PPO Report into the death of Mr Stuart Robert Cunningham on 13/11/2021 at HMP Dovegate

Rec No	Recommendation	Accepted / Not accepted	Response Action Taken / Planned	Responsible Owner and Organisation	Target Date
1	The Head of Healthcare should ensure that when over the counter medication is requested and administered, staff document the reason the medication was given.	Accepted	All healthcare staff have been advised that they must ensure that when over the counter medication is requested and administered, they document the reason the medication was given. Completed on 09/05/2022.	Head of Healthcare	Complete
2	The Head of Healthcare should ensure that when a prisoner requires close monitoring and repeat clinical observations as recommended by a medic or advanced practitioner (such as paramedics in Mr Cunningham's case), staff complete clinical observations in accordance with the recommended care plan.	Accepted	All healthcare staff advised that they should consider the possibility of co-existing health conditions when a patient is symptomatic or if they tested positive for Covid-19. Covid-19 should not overshadow the possibility that the patient may have other underlying health conditions. Completed on 09/05/2022	Head of Healthcare	Complete
3	The Head of Healthcare should ensure that staff also consider the possibility of co-existing health conditions when a patient is symptomatic or if they tested positive for COVID-19.	Accepted	A local policy/pathway has been developed to support the pulse oximeter programme that ensures that staff know how to assess a patient's competency to use the device, and with clear instructions on when a patients self-monitoring record is checked. Completed on 09/05/2022.	Head of Healthcare	Complete
4	The Head of Healthcare should develop a local policy/pathway to	Accepted	All staff have been made aware that when a patient requires close monitoring and repeat clinical observations as	Head of Healthcare	Complete



	support the pulse oximeter programme which should ensure that staff know how to assess a patient's competency to use the device, and give clear instructions on when a prisoner's self-monitoring record is checked.		recommended by a medic or advanced practitioner (such as paramedics in Mr Cunningham's case), healthcare staff must ensure that they complete clinical observations in accordance with recommended care plan. Completed on 09/05/2022		
5	The Director should ensure that prison staff contact healthcare staff promptly, when prisoners report pain or other symptoms suggesting they are unwell.	Accepted	All prisoners have access through prisoner self-application (ATM) to request a GP appointment as well as seek medical advice from the duty House Block nurse at medication times. A notice to staff was issued on 21 June 2022 reminding staff of the need to contact healthcare promptly when prisoners reporting symptoms of pain or of feeling unwell.	Assistant Director of Safety	Complete
6	The Director and Head of Healthcare should ensure that clear communication channels are in place to enable both healthcare and prison staff to share information about the care needs of prisoners, and that information is effectively disseminated to relevant staff.	Accepted	A notice to staff was issued on 21 June 2022 reminding staff of the need to contact healthcare promptly when prisoners reporting symptoms of pain or of feeling unwell.	Assistant Director of Safety & Head of Healthcare	Complete
7	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, in all cases: • healthcare staff complete the medical information section of the	Accepted	All escort risk assessments are generated by the security department 24 hrs prior to a planned escort taking place. Escorting staff have been provided with guidance (24/05/2022) including a full briefing of risk levels and cuffing arrangements and the legal (Graham) judgment. A review of the escort risk assessment was undertaken with guidance issued for comprehensive healthcare contribution before appropriate assessment is made, implemented in June	All Duty Directors	Complete



	<p>escort risk assessment to say whether the prisoner's current medical condition affects their mobility and risk of escape.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the assessment is countersigned by an authorising manager to show that they have taken this information into account when assessing a prisoner's current level of risk. 		<p>2022. A notice to staff (22/293) was also circulated on 24/06/2022.</p> <p>Guidance has been provided to the Dispatching Managers / Duty managers Custodial Operations Managers who undertake escort risk assessments to ensure that all security information and medical information is considered, and written decisions evidence consideration of medical input. Also, that regular bed watch checks take place and any concerns raised can be addressed as soon as is practicable. The Local Security Strategy was updated on 25/04/2022.</p>		
8	<p>The Director should ensure that managers authorise the removal of restraints for COVID-19 positive, non-category A prisoner's needing ventilation or intensive care unit treatment, in line with the Standard Operating Procedure, Escorts & Bed watches – COVID-19, unless abnormal circumstances apply.</p>	Accepted	<p>A verbal briefing and notice to staff (22/293) was given on 24/06/2022 to all Duty Directors and Custodial Operations Managers regarding the use of restraints for prisoners requiring ventilation. This is part of the awareness handover given to incoming staff in these positions.</p>	Assistant Director of Safety & Assistant Director of Security	Complete

