

Action Plan in response to the PPO Report into the death of Raymon Coburn on 25 November 2022 at HMP Rye Hill

Rec No	Recommendation	Accepted / Not accepted	Response Action Taken / Planned	Responsible Owner and Organisation	Target Date
1	The Director and Head of Healthcare should ensure that prisoners attend hospital telephone appointments under the NHS suspected cancer pathway.	Accepted	<p>Healthcare and the prison already work very closely to facilitate all cancer appointments. The prison however works to strict regimes; if the consultant has not called within a 30 minute period the prisoner would be taken back to their cell.</p> <p>The issue here is the lack of documentation around why it did not take place. We now have a process in place where it has to be documented why an appointment of any type did not take place and the documents will be accessible.</p>	Head of Healthcare / Head of Safer Custody	31/12/2022
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	Accepted	All palliative patients are now discussed in a number of weekly meetings, which are either prison led or healthcare led. Cuffing arrangements are part of these discussions.	Head of Healthcare / Head of Safer Custody	31/12/2022



	and that assessments fully take into account the health of a prisoner and are based on the actual risk he presents at the time.		<p>The palliative care register that is now in place also has a restraint area where this can be documented and reviewed weekly as a prisoner's condition deteriorates.</p> <p>All other prisoners are dynamically risk assessed in line with the Graham Judgement on the day of the escort by the Duty Director of the day. This assessment takes into account input from Healthcare, Security and the prisoners current mobility and healthcare needs. This is recorded in the risk assessment.</p>		
3	The Executive Director for Custodial Contracts should write to the Ombudsman within four weeks of receipt of this report to explain what has been done to address Rye Hill's continuing failure to comply with case law on the use of restraints.	Accepted	The Executive Director wrote to the Ombudsman setting out the measures that have been implemented to address the concerns identified during the investigation.	Executive Director for Custodial Contracts	June 2023

