

Action Plan in response to the PPO Report into the death of Mr Ricardas Jonusas 16 December 2022 at HMP Swaleside

Rec No	Recommendation	Accepted / Not accepted	Response Action Taken / Planned	Responsible Owner and Organisation	Target Date
1	The Executive Director for the Long-Term High Security Estate should satisfy himself that the measures introduced to improve ACCT management at Swaleside have delivered the necessary improvements.	Accepted	<p>HMP Swaleside is currently subject to specific monitoring from the Long-Term High Security Estate (LTHSE), which is designed to ensure that HMP Swaleside has the necessary support to reduce the risk of serious self-harm and suicide.</p> <p>Measures have been introduced to improve ACCT management at HMP Swaleside, including an increased number of staff trained to be ACCT case coordinators. The local safety team have also provided upskilling sessions to operational staff and support services, such as healthcare and drug services, on ACCT processes.</p> <p>The national and regional safety teams have delivered additional training sessions to upskill existing case coordinators. Risks, triggers and protective factors training has also been provided.</p> <p>In order to improve the ACCT quality assurance (QA) checks, an enhanced QA process has been</p>	<p>Executive Director for the LTHSE</p> <p>HMPPS</p>	Ongoing



			<p>implemented which allocates QA checks to an appropriate Custodial Manager or Duty Governor, who update a log that is monitored by the local safety team and the Head of Safety. Additionally, the national and regional safety team visit the prison regularly to monitor this process and to gain assurance that the QA process has improved.</p> <p>Although progress has been made to improve the quality of ACCT documents, further improvements are required and there is ongoing upskilling and training provided to staff to support this. Progress will be monitored as part of the cluster process and through local safety governance.</p>		
2	The Governor should consider prioritising the delivery of key work to specific vulnerable groups during periods when staffing levels do not allow routine delivery of key work to all prisoners.	Accepted	<p>HMP Swaleside has identified prisoners who should be prioritised for key work and these prisoners are now receiving key work sessions.</p> <p>There has been a recent improvement in the delivery of regular key work sessions for all prisoners and a QA process is in place as a result of a reduction in the number of residential units and detached duty staff from other establishments boosting staffing numbers. Training sessions to support and upskill new staff will be arranged to ensure delivery of good quality key work.</p>	Head of Residential HMPPS	Ongoing

