

Action Plan in response to the PPO Report into the death of Mr John Devers on 21 June 2023 at HMP Oakwood

Rec No	Recommendation	Accepted / Not accepted	Response Action Taken / Planned	Responsible Owner and Organisation	Target Date
1	The Operational Security Group Director for HMPPS should monitor compliance with policy on the use of restraints during hospital escorts (for inpatient admissions and outpatient appointments), including at HMP Oakwood, and discuss the findings with the Ombudsman.	Accepted	<p>HMP Oakwood and a number of other prisons will submit copies of all risk assessments for hospital escorts and bedwatches to the Security Procedures Team so that the level of compliance with the policy can be assessed. This assessment will also be informed by further analysis of recent PPO recommendations.</p> <p>The results of this work will be fed back at quarterly meetings between the Operational Security Group Director for HMPPS and the Ombudsman.</p> <p>A Security Briefing Note has been issued to all Governors/Directors and security teams to remind them of the importance of balancing risk-based security requirements with individual prisoner needs on hospital escorts and bedwatches, particularly with regards to cuffing arrangements.</p>	Operational Security Group Director HMPPS	<p>December 2023 – Security Briefing Note issued and monitoring of risk assessments commences</p> <p>January 2023 – first quarterly meeting with PPO</p> <p>February 2023 – further analysis of recent recommendations</p>