

## Action Plan in response to the PPO Report into the death of Mr Carl Bennett on 25/08/2023 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 at HMPPS should monitor compliance with policy on the use of restraints during hospital escorts (for inpatient and outpatient appointments), including at HMP Oakwood, and discuss the findings with the Ombudsman.	Accepted	Operational Security Group at HMPPS has undertaken a short period of intensive review regarding cuffing arrangements during escorts, particularly in relation to prisoners with palliative and end of life care needs, and those who are seriously ill or incapacitated. This included a sample of risk assessments at HMP Oakwood. Early findings will be discussed with the Ombudsman at a meeting in April. More detailed findings will be considered as part of broader policy improvements, with a revised policy expected in Autumn 2024.  The ongoing monitoring of compliance with the policy is the responsibility of the Prison Group Director.	Operational Security Group	Autumn 2024
2	NHS England and the Welsh Government should develop national guidance for establishments to develop local standard operating procedures for healthcare input in the use of	Accepted	I would like to assure you that work is already underway to address this recommendation. NHS England is working in partnership with HMPPS to agree a review of the Prevention of Escapes – External Escorts Policy Framework, published in	Director of Health & Justice, Armed Forces and Sexual Assault Services Commissioning	October 2024

	<p>force/restraints risk assessments. This guidance should also include roles &amp; responsibilities of healthcare during and post planned and unplanned use of force/restraints.</p>		<p>July 2023, with a particular focus on the health requirements and questions within Annex H – Escort Risk Assessment. We are also developing a framework for all prison healthcare providers, to work with prison governors to have a local Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). The framework will enable each establishment to have a local SOP in place, which will outline healthcare roles and responsibilities for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Planned use of force or restraint</li><li>• Unplanned use of force or restraint</li><li>• Cover for ‘in hours’ and ‘night state’ (out of hours)</li><li>• Prisons where healthcare is not provided 24-hours a day.</li></ul> <p>Both of these programmes of work will be overseen by the NHS England Health &amp; Justice Clinical Reference Group (CRG) and are planned for completion and communication by October 2024.</p>		
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