

Action Plan in response to the PPO Report into the death of Mr Stephen Blackwell on 18 January 2025 at HMP Oakwood

Rec No	Recommendation	Accepted / Not accepted	Response Action Taken / Planned	Responsible Owner and Organisation	Target Date
1	<p>The Governor should carry out a review to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish whether personal alarms can be clearly heard by wing staff throughout the day and night, or whether proximity of the cell to the wing office should be considered when issuing one. Develop guidance on what is expected of wing staff when responding to personal alarms; and Embed a robust quality assurance process to ensure that personal alarms are being responded to promptly. 	Accepted	<p>The prison carried out a review of the personal alarms and established that they were not suitable. An alternative personal alarm has been ordered, and these will be tested and reviewed once received. In the meantime, the prison is working more closely with healthcare regarding vulnerable prisoners.</p> <p>Once a new personal alarm system is in place staff will receive guidance and a quality assurance process will be implemented.</p>	Prison Director G4S	Ongoing