

DETENTION SERVICES ORDER 04/2006

SELF HARM

Introduction

This instruction is to remind Detention Services and contract staff of the need to record any instances of attempted self harm on **all** relevant documentation.

Purpose

The purpose of this order is to ensure that there are no inconsistencies in the recording of information relating to any previous or future incidents of self harm. This area was highlighted in a recent report by the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman's (PPO) investigation into a Death in Custody.

Procedures

If there is a detainee on Assessment Care in Detention and Teamwork (ACDT) staff need to complete all relevant documentation, including the ACDT forms, as soon as possible. If the Detainee is to be handed over to Escorting Staff they must also be made aware that there is a 'live' ACDT form open; Escorting Staff will inform the receiving centre.