

Action Plan: HMP Kirklevington Grange

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INTRODUCTION

HM Inspectorate of Prisons (HMIP) and HM Inspectorate of Probation for England and Wales are independent inspectorates which provide scrutiny of the conditions for, and treatment of prisoners and offenders. They report their findings for prisons, Young Offender Institutions and effectiveness of the work of probation, Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRCs) and youth offending services across England and Wales to Ministry of Justice (MoJ) and Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS). In response to the report HMPPS / MoJ are required to draft a robust and timely action plan to address the recommendations. The action plan confirms whether recommendations are agreed, partly agreed or not agreed (see categorisations below). Where a recommendation is agreed or partly agreed, the action plans provides specific steps and actions to address these. Actions are clear, measurable, achievable and relevant with the owner and timescale of each step clearly identified. Action plans are sent to HMIP and published on the HMPPS web based Prison Finder. Progress against the implementation and delivery of the action plans will also be monitored and reported on.

Term	Definition	Additional comment		
Agreed	All of the recommendation is agreed with, can be achieved and is affordable.	The response should clearly explain how the recommendation will be achieved along with timescales. Actions should be as SMART (Specific Measureable, Achievable, Realistic and Time-bound) as possible. Actions should be specific enough to be tracked for progress.		
Partly Agreed	Only part of the recommendation is agreed with, is achievable, affordable and will be implemented. This might be because we cannot implement the whole recommendation because of commissioning, policy, operational or affordability reasons.	The response must state clearly which part of the recommendation will be implemented along with SMART actions and tracked for progress. There mus t be an explanation of why we cannot fully agree the recommendation - this must state clearly whether this is due to commissioning, policy, operational or affordability reasons.		
Not Agreed The recommendation is not agreed and will not be implemented. This might be because of commissioning, policy, operational or affordability reasons.		The response must clearly state the reasons why we have chosen this option. There must be an explanation of why we cannot agree the recommendation - this must state clearly whether this is due to commissioning, policy, operational or affordability reasons.		

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ESTABLISHMENT: HMP KIRKLEVINGTON GRANGE

1. Rec No	2. Recommendation	3. Agreed/ Partly Agreed/ Not Agreed	4. Response Action Taken/Planned	5. Responsible Owner	6. Target Date
	Key concerns and recommendations				
	Directed to: The Governor				
S34	Key concern: The range of vocational training courses was too narrow, and there were very few opportunities for prisoners to obtain qualifications in vocational training areas. Quality improvement measures were not fully developed, did not cover all areas of purposeful activity, and had not identified weaknesses in the teaching of English and mathematics. Recommendation: Managers should introduce the planned vocational training programmes as soon as possible and opportunities for the accreditation of prisoners' skills in all appropriate areas. Managers should ensure that quality improvement processes are rigorous and make full use of all the data available to identify strengths and areas for improvement.	Agreed	HMP Kirklevington Grange represents a National resource within the open prison estate. Prisoners often arrive with a variety of skills and qualifications they have achieved in the closed estate and this can limit the variety and range the prison is required to offer. New vocational and educational training opportunities and qualifications which provide transferrable skills to the job market on release and through Release on Temporary Licence (RoTL) will continue to be sought and provided. However, where qualifications cannot be delivered in the prison, the use of RoTL will always be considered to enable prisoners to access training and qualifications through college placements. HMP Kirklevington Grange will review class schedules for English and maths classes to introduce flexibility and access and improve prisoner learning and engagement.	Governor Director NOVUS	March 2020
			Through the Prison Education Framework (PEF) contract Waste Management Industry Training & Advisory Board (WAMITAB), cleaning and valeting training will be introduced through the recruitment	Governor Director NOVUS	January 2020

of a WAMITAB qualified instructor and re HMP Kirklevington Grange with WAMITA		
HMP Kirklevington Grange will work with education provider NOVUS, Works and November Futures Network and external employers develop job opportunities linked to WAMI training for RoTL and on release.	lew Director NOVUS to	May 2020
Through the PEF contract HMP Kirkleving Grange has introduced a vocational prog horticultural training supported by a qualification.	ramme of Director NOVUS	Complete
HMP Kirklevington Grange will work with Advanced Personnel Management (APM identify and deliver catering and hospitali training and qualifications to prisoners we the internal kitchen and internal and extended coffee shops.	ty orking in	April 2020
HMP Kirklevington Grange will complete of the Learning & Skills strategy and indu workshops, social enterprise and educati to improve skills development and outcor prisoners, including introducing new voca training opportunities where these are idea.	stries on offers nes for tional	March 2020
HMP Kirklevington Grange will source an training for prison work supervisors to pro improved quality target setting and development tracking in prisoner learning portfolios.	ovide	April 2020
The Teaching Quality Management Plan will be improved to provide clear account that identified teaching quality improvement addressed.	ability	May 2020
A review of the management information from the Data Dashboard and Distance T Tracker will be completed to improve its under the complete to i	ravelled	February 2020

			the Quality Improvement Group (QIG) in maximising improvements in prisoner training and education outcomes. The QIG governance and terms of reference will also be reviewed to ensure managers focus on quality of delivery in detail to maximise strengths	Governor	February 2020
			and provide opportunities to improve delivery of services to prisoners.		
S35	Key concern: There were long delays in assessing and allocating prisoners to education classes, and the quality of teaching and learning in some education classes required improvement. In the workplace, prisoners made insufficient use of portfolios to gather evidence of their progress. Prison staff	Agreed	HMP Kirklevington Grange will strengthen the local agreement with the NOVUS Education Manager to reduce the waiting times for access to functional skills courses by completing more 'Introduction to NOVUS sessions' each week and using a more effective allocation system.	Governor Director NOVUS	January 2020
	generally liaised effectively with employers, but in a few cases important information about prisoners' abilities and support needs were not passed on, sometimes leading to the prisoner failing the placement. Recommendation: Managers should ensure		The local Education Policy will be updated to improve waiting times by maximising spaces in Functional Skills courses for those with greatest need. This will be partly achieved through the removal of the current requirement for prisoners to complete Level 2 Maths and English if their qualifications are over five years old.	Governor Director NOVUS	January 2020
	that education assessment and allocation are carried out within a short time of prisoners' arrival at the prison. Education managers should work with staff to improve the planning of learning, the range of teaching methods used and the quality of feedback to learners. Prison managers should improve communication with		HMP Kirklevington Grange will develop proposals with the NOVUS education provider for a variation to contract of evening education sessions. This would provide more flexibility to provide functional skills courses to prisoners who are working in paid employment through the day.	Governor Director NOVUS	January 2020
	employers so that each prisoner's support needs are understood before he starts a work placement.		A programme of weekly "lunch and learn" sessions with education staff will be designed and introduced. This will provide Continuous Professional Development (CPD) in; planning of learning, use of available technologies, quality of educational materials, quality of feedback to learners and individual learning plans to improve quality of teaching and learning outcomes for prisoners.	Director NOVUS	January 2020

			A system of regular "learning walks", to observe the quality of teaching delivery and outcomes for prisoners will be completed by the Learning & Skills Manager. Observations and required actions will be reported to the TQMP and weekly meeting with the NOVUS education manager. This will also become a standing agenda item on the monthly governance meeting.	Director NOVUS	March 2020
			HMP Kirklevington Grange and the NOVUS education provider will design a process which ensures that weaknesses which are identified through assurance activity are used for constructive feedback with staff members and the wider tutorial team.	Governor Director NOVUS	January 2020
			HMP Kirklevington Grange will engage and consult with prisoners and external employers to promote and improve the use of prisoner portfolios of achievement to record training, achievements and progression in external employment. This will also raise prisoner awareness of transferable skills from employment opportunities and the value of maintaining evidence in portfolios.	Governor	June 2020
			HMP Kirklevington Grange will work with external employers to review and clarify the way that information is communicated and shared regarding prisoner starting points, and relevant additional Employment Training and Education (ETE) support needs.	Governor	March 2020
	General recommendations				
	Directed to: The Governor				
1.15	There should be managerial oversight of all use of force to identify any lessons to be learned.	Agreed	Due to the very low and infrequent incidence of use of force at HMP Kirklevington Grange a new system will be introduced to strengthen managerial governance, learn lessons and identify and disseminate good practice. Following an	Governor	January 2020

			incident where force has been used existing processes and quality assurance will trigger an immediate Use of Force review meeting chaired by the Deputy Governor. This will include a review of all documentation, Body Worn Video Camera (BWVC) footage and other relevant evidence including the Quality Assurance (QA) form. A minute of the meeting will be taken.		
			HMP Kirklevington Grange will develop and publish an operating procedure clarifying what required actions, evidence and documentation must be completed and collated and by who following an incident where use of force has been applied. This will incorporate the QA process.	Governor	January 2020
			The existing QA form will be updated, amended and re-issued to include that BWVC footage and other relevant evidence from Use of Force incidents are assessed and included in the quality review.	Governor	January 2020
			The assurance framework will be updated to include specifics of the new Use of Force QA process.	Governor	February 2020
1.21	The prison should reduce the excessive physical security measures.	Agreed	HMP Kirklevington Grange will undertake a review of the current physical security measures in place. This will also include a review of locking procedures during the core day and any suggestions where lock back posts could be used to leave gates unlocked but secured allowing for greater freedom of movement in the prison grounds.	Governor	February 2020
			A more detailed feasibility study will be commissioned to consider the options for removal or changes to the design of caged walkways to reduce excessive physical security measures. Where these are accepted changes will be	Governor	August 2020

			delivered within existing budgets and maintenance contracts wherever possible.		
strateg	The prison should publish its drug and alcohol strategy and support this with an action plan to reduce the drug supply.	Agreed	HMP Kirklevington Grange will conduct a multidisciplinary review of the Drug and Alcohol Recovery Strategy to reflect the unique circumstances of open conditions. The review will consider new methods of entry, deterrents and preventative approaches as part of the supply reduction strand of the strategy. The strategy will be supported by a flexible action plan which will respond to the changing risks of drug and alcohol supply and demand and the supportive actions required by prisoners to provide an effective recovery environment.	Governor	March 2020
			The new Drug and Alcohol Recovery Strategy will be widely communicated and publicised to staff and prisoners to promote an efficient whole-prison approach to drug supply, reduction and recovery becomes part of HMP Kirklevington Grange's embedded culture.	Governor	May 2020
			HMP Kirklevington Grange will introduce a focused forum to provide strong strategic governance monitors delivery of the Drug and Alcohol Recovery Strategy. This will deliver continuous improvement in the prison's response to deterrence, supply reduction and recovery. The forum will be responsible for reviewing and analysing qualitative and quantitative data and updating the action plan and strategy in response to new risks and issues.	Governor	May 2020
			HMP Kirklevington Grange will Improve responses to dynamic security intelligence through a range of detection, deterrent and preventative approaches to reduce the supply and availability of drugs including use of the regional dog team and scanning resources at HMP Holme House.	Governor	April 2020

			Prison officer profiles will be altered to provide a more effective use of security resources allowing the prison to be more responsive to intelligence.	Governor	January 2020
2.7	The external fabric of all residential accommodation should be maintained to an acceptable standard.	Partly Agreed	This recommendation is partly agreed as the level of repairs it is possible to undertake is limited by local maintenance functions, contracts and funding. HMP Kirklevington Grange with the maintenance contractor will complete essential work on the external cladding of accommodation buildings to ensure they remain fit for purpose. However, where significant investment is indicated capital bids will be submitted for major refurbishment or replacement. HMP Kirklevington Grange is presently unable to confirm if such bids would be supported.	Governor	May 2020
	Directed to: HMPPS				
2.23	National equality data should be provided promptly to ensure up-to-date analysis by the prison.	Agreed	Prison and Probation Analytical Services (PPAS) are working to improve the timeliness of the Equalities Monitoring Tool (EMT) data. In addition, the Digital team are working on an Equality Dashboard for the New-NOMIS Information Technology (IT) platform, that will allow staff to view and analyse "live" management information on the protected characteristics of the local prison population which they have uploaded to the system. The Equality Dashboard will be available to prisons in the in the New Year.	PPAS HMPPS Digital Team	September 2020
	Directed to: HMPPS and The Governor				
2.24	The prison should collate and analyse the demographics of prisoners who access release on temporary licence to ensure that there is no disproportionate treatment of specific groups.	Agreed	Prisons are currently unable to submit ROTL data about protected characteristics to the EMT. This will be resolved through the introduction of the Equalities dashboard which will be supported by new NOMIS. This will provide an opportunity for prisons to upload ROTL data to the dashboard and analyse this much more quickly to identify any	PPAS HMPPS Digital Team	September 2020

	Directed to: The Governor		issues of disproportionality. This will also enable the Equalities Group at Headquarters to monitor this and other metrics and better support prisons. Until new NOMIS and the Equalities dashboard is introduced HMP Kirklevington Grange will collate and analyse the demographics of prisoners released on ROTL to ensure any disproportionate outcomes are identified, investigated and where necessary acted upon. Analysis of this data from Offender Management Unit (OMU) will be incorporated into the bi-monthly Single Equality Action Team meeting for oversight.	Governor	February 2020
2.47	Responses to medical emergencies should be routinely recorded and monitored, and there should be comprehensive checks to ensure that all emergency resuscitation equipment is in good order.	Agreed	A system to comprehensively record and log all medical emergencies including the date, patient details and prison number will be introduced and communicated to all new and existing healthcare staff. This will be reviewed and monitored through weekly management checks.	Director G4S Health Services (UK)	January 2020
			The Terms of Reference (ToR) and standing agenda items for the Local Delivery Board (LDB) and security meetings will be amended. The changes will provide an opportunity for discussions about medical emergencies that have taken place, responses and trends.	Director G4S Health Services (UK)	January 2020
			All new and existing healthcare staff will be provided with awareness information about the signs and effects of psychoactive substances when recording and responding to medical emergencies.	Director G4S Health Services (UK)	January 2020
			A new process to check the emergency equipment in Healthcare emergency bag will be introduced. A monitoring sheet will become part of the new process to include a dated and signed record of checks and contents of the bag. Added	Director G4S Health Services (UK)	Complete

			assurance will be provided by a weekly check of the monitoring sheet by the Head of Healthcare. A process will be established to check and test all establishment Defibrillators on a frequent and regular basis and maintain records to confirm it is in serviceable order.	Director G4S Health Services (UK)	January 2020
2.61	The prison should further develop nurse-led clinics for prisoners with lifelong conditions, underpinned by evidence-based care plans, and trained and supervised staff should undertake assessment, treatment and reviews.	Agreed	A Long-Term Condition Nurse will be recruited to provide clinics for prisoners with lifelong conditions and to create and maintain evidence based care plans.	Director G4S Health Services (UK)	March 2020
			The existing Senior Nurse in Respiratory management will be supported by regular provision from HMP Holme House nursing staff to manage existing patients with long term conditions at HMP Kirklevington Grange until recruitment of Long Term Condition Nurse has been completed.	Director G4S Health Services (UK)	Complete
			The Healthcare provider and Head of Healthcare will develop an audit and assurance process for lifelong condition care plans to ensure they meet the required standards and needs of patients.	Director G4S Health Services (UK)	March 2020
2.88	There should be regular pharmacist input into the prison to ensure effective management of stock, and prisoners should have access to medicine use reviews and pharmacy advice.	Agreed	A Medicines Management Meeting will be established involving the Pharmacist, Healthcare provider and clinical Drug and Alcohol Recovery Team (DART) to provide effective oversight and feedback to the LDB.	Director G4S Health Services (UK) Director Spectrum Community Health Director Change, Grow, Live	January 2020
			Monthly pharmacist clinics will be introduced which will include Medication Reviews.	Director of Spectrum Community Health	January 2020
			The pharmacist from HMP Holme House will continue with monthly visits, which will also include Controlled drug management and recording of out of hours drug cabinet checks.	Director of Spectrum Community Health	Complete

			A communication plan will be developed for patients to inform them how to get pharmacist advice and how and when they can attend the pharmacy clinics.	Director of Spectrum Community Health	January 2020
4.14	Case recordings by all staff on the prison IT system should accurately reflect their contact with prisoners.	Agreed	HMP Kirklevington Grange will introduce standards of expectations clearly outlining what quality P-Nomis entries should include from Offender Supervisors, Work and Activities Supervisors and Personal Officers including frequency and interactions to be recorded.	Governor	February 2020
			P-Nomis case note entries will be the subject of bi-monthly management quality assurance checks to assess their compliance with the standard expectations. Trends, learning needs and areas of non-compliance will be addressed with report writers and where appropriate with all staff where significant learning can be applied to improve case note quality.	Governor	February 2020
4.21	P-Nomis alerts relating to MAPPA should be accurate and up to date.	Agreed	HMP Kirklevington Grange will Introduce a reception check in the Offender Management Unit (OMU) that prompts contact with external Offender Managers to confirm current Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangement (MAPPA) levels for all newly received prisoners. OMU will be responsible for updating the P-Nomis alerts when the MAPPA level is confirmed.	Governor	January 2020
			The MAPPA levels of all existing prisoners at HMP Kirklevington Grange have been confirmed and P-Nomis alerts have been updated with confirmed MAPPA levels.	Governor	Complete
			Where a prisoner has less than six months before his full release and confirmation of the MAPPA level has still not been received from the external Offender Manager the MAPPA escalation process (MAPPA S) will be implemented to establish the	Governor	January 2020

			level. This will be used to inform pre-release planning.		
4.22	An electronic monitoring log should be used to record information about prisoners' subject to mail monitoring.	Agreed	An electronic log of prisoners' subject to mail monitoring will be introduced, providing identical electronic log processes for both mail and telephone monitoring improving information sharing and clarity.	Governor	January 2020
			Monthly assurance and compliance checks of the electronic log of prisoners' subject to mail and telephone monitoring will be introduced.	Governor	January 2020
4.27	The prison should measure sustainable accommodation outcomes for prisoners after release.	Partly Agreed	This recommendation is partly agreed. HMP Kirklevington Grange does not have the resources and funding to undertake individual checks on prisoners to confirm accommodation on release has remained sustainable. Prisoners are sent to HMP Kirklevington Grange from all areas of the country and many return to their home areas. Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) is unable to collate information on the sustainable accommodation outcomes for all prisoners returning to several areas outside the geographical area of the prison.	Governor	
			HMPPS collect data to track prisoners' accommodation status from the point of release and throughout community supervision. New performance measures have been included in the frameworks for both prisons and the NPS for 2019/20. These assess status on release and sixweeks after release from prisons, and at termination of supervision by the NPS. Additional measures are being considered for future probation frameworks. Prisons and probation providers are being encouraged and supported to work together more effectively and monthly data is now available to prisons and probation to support these actions.	Prison & Probation Analytical Services (PPAS)	Complete

	Data on accommodation circumstance for prisoners after release from custody is published on the Gov.uk website. This shows: accommodation circumstance for prisoners on release from custody and on community sentences.	Prison & Probation Analytical Services (PPAS)	Complete
	HMP Kirklevington Grange will develop a local system that collates the available Gov.UK and central data about sustainable accommodation outcomes for released prisoners, and analyse trends and issues to further support effective accommodation for prisoners released from HMP Kirklevington Grange.	Governor	March 2020

Recommendations	
Agreed	13
Partly Agreed	2
Not Agreed	0
Total	15