

ACTION PLAN: HMCIP REPORT

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TIMETABLE	DATE	STATUS OF THIS RETURN
Report published	7 September 2016	
Action Plan Submitted	March 2017	Attached

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POSITION AS AT: March 2017

1. Rec. No.	2. Recommendation	3. Accepted/ Rejected	4. Response Action Taken/Planned	5. Function Responsible/ Policy Lead	6. Target Date
i	Minimum specific nutritional values and the conditions under which food is eaten should be set out by NOMS in a binding PSI regulation, based on advice from the relevant professional bodies.	Partially accepted	Prisons adopt a balanced approach to food nutrition over a period of time rather than an individual meal. Each prison is required to consider how best to apply Government recommendations on eating well for the population. This includes providing the recommended average daily requirements (shown as calorific value) for those held in our custody. The Catering Operating Manual, issued to all prisons in conjunction with PSI 44/2010 support prisons through its recommendations on how to apply the guiding principles of Public Health England (PHE) on eating well (The Eatwell Plate). The catering operating manual will be reviewed to include calorific value recommendations and updated to reflect most recent PHE published Eatwell Guide.	Governors responsible for implementing PSI and Policy recommendation. MoJ (through NOMS) to provide updated policy guidance and continued monitoring	June 2017
ii	NOMS should ensure that new prisons are configured in a way to ensure prisoners can eat out of their cells communally, and Governors should ensure that opportunities to do this are fully utilised.	Accepted subject to resources	Dining areas within the accommodation units are being considered as part of the Prison Estates Transformation Programme new prison design.	MoJ Estates	Ongoing

iii	Governors should ensure that greater emphasis is put on providing opportunities for self-catering, particularly for long-term prisoners.	Partially accepted	Not all high security prisons have the facilities to provide the opportunity for prisoners to self cook. Increasing the provision of services are likely to have severe financial implications to provide this provision. The wider use of self-catering opportunities for prisoners are being considered as part of the Prison Estates Transformation Programme, new prison design.	Governors MoJ Estates	
iv	Governors should ensure that meal times reflect what is considered the norm in the community.	Accepted	The guidance on the times meals should be served is already contained within MoJ policy requirement (PSI 44/2010 section 4.1 and 4.2). The exact timings of the serving of meals to prisoners is delegated to Governors and contained within the 'core day'. The core day including the times when meals will be served are published locally to ensure that prisoners and staff are aware.	Governors	Completed and ongoing

Recommendations	
Accepted	2
Accepted Subject to Resources /Partially Accepted	2
Rejected	0
Total	4