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surrounding the death of Prisoner E
On 15th February 2012
while on temporary release**

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Presented to the Minister for Justice and Equality pursuant to
Part 5 of the Prisons Act 2007

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Inspector of Prisons

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Preface

Prisoner E was a 21 year old man who met a violent death on the 15th February 2012 while on temporary release.

I offer my sincere condolences to the deceased's family.

There are no matters of concern disclosed in this report.

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Inspector of Prisons investigation report

General information

1. The deceased was aged 21 years at the time of his untimely death. He came from a rural town in the Leinster area. He was committed to prison on the 19th September 2011. His release date was to be the 17th March 2012.
2. On the 2nd February 2012 the deceased was granted Reviewable Temporary Release from the Midlands Prison.
3. On the 15th February 2012 the deceased met a violent death in a house in Kilkenny City.
4. Following the death of the deceased a criminal investigation was initiated by An Garda Síochána.
5. I did not interview any members of the deceased's family as I did not consider it necessary in view of the facts disclosed in this Report.

Circumstances of temporary release

6. The deceased was sentenced for offences of a non-violent nature. It was his first time in prison.
7. While in prison the deceased involved himself in education attaining a level 4 FETAC qualification in computer studies.
8. In view of his positive attitude in the prison, the fact that he was considered to be of good behaviour, that it was his first time in prison, that he was not considered by the prison management to be a risk to society and that the Gardaí raised no objection his request to be considered for temporary release was acceded to and he was released on Reviewable Temporary Release on the 2nd February 2012.

9. Under the terms of his temporary release the deceased was obliged to sign on at his local Garda Station daily and at the Midlands Prison once a week.
10. The deceased did sign on each day at his local Garda Station and signed on at the Midlands Prison the week following his release – the 9th February 2012. He was due to sign on again at the Prison on the 16th February 2012.

Findings

11. I am satisfied that when the deceased was granted temporary release the reasons advanced for granting such release were reasonable. The deceased was released to his home where he had adequate family supports.
12. I am satisfied that the deceased complied with all conditions of his temporary release.
13. I am satisfied that the criminal investigation and the Coroner's investigation are the appropriate investigations in this particular case.
14. I am satisfied that there are no further issues of concern which I should investigate.