



IOP Recommendations Action Plan

Proposed Recommendation from the Inspector of Prisons investigation report on
Death in Custody of prisoner “Mr Q” 09/12/2019

The Recommendations submitted by the IOP have been review and considered. The table below is a summary of proposed actions based on the investigation of the IOP in respect of the Irish Prison Service. The table also suggest timelines and action owners for completing the necessary actions.

No.	IOP Recommendations	Irish Prison Service Response	Action Required	Action Owner	Timeline
1.	IPS should review its procedures in relation to hospital escorts of gravely ill prisoners and particularly the necessity for a three person escort of a prisoner who is in custody pending the payment of a small bail bond of €100.	To be considered in the context of the Policy and procedure review.	<p>All relevant Policy and procedures in respect of prisoner escorts will be reviewed by end of Q3 2021.</p> <p>Any proposed amendments will be communicated to Prison Governors for implementation.</p> <p>To note: The Irish Prison Service is required to ensure that all those placed in its custody are held safely and securely. The IPS follows a risk management approach. Prisons have options/ability to amend escort numbers on a risk assessed basis. Examples of such risks would include flight risk and a risk to public safety, etc.</p>	<p>Operations</p> <p>Prison Governors</p>	End Q3 2021



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2.	All prison staff should be required to insert their name in block capitals beside their signature when completing all written records including prison journals.	Feasibility to be assessed.	Engagement will take place with Governors/IPSC to give further consideration to this recommendation. Any proposed changes will be communicated to Prison Governors for implementation.	Operations Prison Governors	Issue to be determined by end September 2021 End Q3 2021
3.	When Next of Kin are notified that their relative/friend has been hospitalised they should be, at that time, advised that only those persons named on the Prisoner's Visitor list will be permitted to visit the person while in hospital.	To be considered in the context of the Policy and procedure review.	This matter will be considered in the context of the policy and procedure review which will be completed by end Q3 2021.	Operations	End Q3 2021
4.	Where a decision is made to disallow hospital visits, the patient should be informed as to the reason why the visit(s) is/are disallowed and whether the decision was made by hospital or prison personnel so that s/he, if they wish, may inform their relatives/friends.	To be considered in the context of the Policy and procedure review.	This matter will be considered in the context of the policy and procedure review which will be completed by end Q3 2021.	Operations	End Q3 2021



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5.	A Critical Incident debrief should be convened following all deaths of persons in prison custody who are on a Hospital Order to review any issue(s) which arose during the persons time in hospital.	To be considered in the context of the Policy and procedure review	This matter will be considered in the context of the policy and procedure review which will be completed by end Q3 2021. For local implementation.	Operations Prison Governors	End Q3 2021
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