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Department of Justice

IOP Recommendations Action Plan

Proposed Recommendation from the Inspector of Prisons investigation report on
Death in Custody of prisoner “Mr H” 24/06/2019

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.	Every effort should be made to ensure that all those involved in a serious adverse incident resulting in a death participate in the subsequent debriefing sessions to ensure they are afforded an opportunity to process the event and reflect on its impact.	Accepted	<p>None – This is included in the Critical Incident Operational Reporting and Debrief Procedures SOP issued in July 2020</p> <p>None – Following the incident, a critical incident protocol was implemented in Cork Prison. The Governor spoke to all staff directly involved and offered them support services. The local Staff Support Officer engaged with them all. In July 2019, the Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Policy became active and has been used since in the event of any critical incidents.</p>	<p>Operations</p> <p>HR</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p>



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2.	<p>The IPS should ensure all staff are aware of and implement Prison Rule 4 (Prison Rules 2007-2020) which relates to the recording of prisoner’s details. Prison Rule 4 states that particulars relating to the admission of each prisoner shall be recorded by a person designated by the Governor upon his/her admission to a prison. Prison Rule 4 (e) refers to the recording on PIMS of full details of the NoK and states that the following should be included: “...contact details for either, (i) a parent or lawful guardian of a prisoner under 18 years of age or, (ii) such member of the prisoner’s family as the prisoner may nominate, or (iii) such other person as the prisoner may nominate.”</p>	Accepted	<p>Next of Kin details - when provided by a prisoner - are recorded for all prisoners as part of the Governor’s Committal interview. This facility was developed into the Prisoner Information Management System (PIMS) as part of the Risk Assessment release in 2018.</p> <p>SOP - Administration of processing a Prisoner at Reception covers the recording of prisoner details including Next of Kin. SOP is due for review in August 2022.</p> <p>In addition, Operations have made a report available to all prisons which will identify prisoner's next of kin details and when they have last been updated to allow them to keep them up to date.</p>	Operations	Complete
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