



IOP Recommendations Action Plan

Proposed Recommendation from the Inspector of Prisons investigation report on  
Death in Custody of prisoner “Mr I” 27/06/2019

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.	<b>In order to prevent unnecessary adjournments of parole board hearings IPS staff should ensure that all documentation required by the Parole Board is provided well in advance of a scheduled hearing date. [Pg 7]</b>	Accepted	<p>The current Parole Board is due to be stood down in June of 2021. Further discussions will be required with the new board to allow the IPS to understand any new requirements which they may have.</p> <p>In addition, it should be noted however that the Probation Service and the Gardaí are also required to send in reports to the Parole Board. This is not a matter for the Irish Prison Service. The Irish Prison Service will engage with the new Statutory Parole Board in relation to the timely submission of prison service documentation.</p>	Operations	



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2.	<b>Prisoners sharing a cell where a serious incident occurred should not be relocated to a cell with another prisoner as vital evidence could be contaminated or lost. (Pg 11)</b>	Part Accepted	<p>It is accepted that in most circumstances a prisoner who shared a cell where a serious incident occurred should not relocate to another shared cell.</p> <p>However Prison numbers are rising and on any one occasion, there may not be a free cell readily available and while it may be possible on most occasions to relocate prisoners to a single cell, there may be occasions when this is not possible.</p>	Operations	Part accepted.
3.	<b>The Irish Prison Service should consider including Basic Life Support (BLS) training for recruit prison officers during the early part of their training and refresher courses for established staff. [Pg 13]</b>	Not accepted	<p>When the IPS developed the current syllabus for Recruit Prison Officer training in 2016, it was decided not to include first responder training in the programme. This was because of the demands this would place on the staffing system for refresher training each year. The initial training takes 3 days to deliver and a further 1 day refresher is required every two years thereafter. The drain on resources from the requirement to provide refresher training would seriously impact on staffing and the provision of other resources. Considerations were also based on the principle of equivalency. The response time from the prison healthcare team to a prisoner is likely to be much less than the response time from the HSE to an ambulance call-out. First responder training is however provided to Gym Officers, PSEC Staff and Open Centre staff.</p> <p>With all that being said it should be recognised that a nurse would usually be one of the first people on the scene in these situations. Basic Life Support and First Responder Training is a core element of the skillset of all nurses employed in the prison service.</p>	IPSTC	Not accepted.



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4.	<b>In situations where a prisoner has to be removed to the landing to allow for medical intervention privacy screen(s) should be available to protect the privacy of all involved. [Pg 13]</b>	Accepted	The Irish Prison Service is currently arranging to purchase privacy screens for the entire prison estate. A supplier has been identified and the medical teams in each prison have been asked to provide their requirements for screens.	Healthcare	August 2021
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