



IOP Recommendations Action Plan

Proposed Recommendation from the Inspector of Prisons investigation report on
Death in Custody of prisoner “Mr R” 19/12/2019

The Recommendations submitted by the IOP have been reviewed 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.	Pending amending legislation, the Irish Prison Service should conduct a review of the legal advice see if there are any limited and/or defined circumstances where the necessity to access medical records and conduct a thorough and effective investigation of the circumstances surrounding the death of a person, might outweigh the challenges of obtaining consent from a next-of-kin. It is worth noting that a next-of-kin has no legal basis in law.	Recommendation accepted	The Healthcare Directorate are seeking legal advices from the Office of the Attorney General regarding the legal status of this recommendation and will provide a response in due course.	Healthcare Directorate	Q1 2023



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2.	When a serious incident occurs in a prison, the Irish Prison Service should ensure that CCTV footage is saved in a continuous flow, most particularly when the incident results in hospitalisation or death of a prisoner. The footage should be captured a period of time leading into the incident and the staff response. The footage should continue right through until the ambulance departs the prison or until death is pronounced.	Recommendation accepted	It is accepted that where a serious incident occurs all relevant CCTV footage should be saved. The CCTV Policy is currently being revised and this recommendation will be included in that process.	Operations Directorate	Q2 2023
3.	The Irish Prison Service should update the Hospital Escort Policy to include the role and responsibility of hospital escort staff in a situation where a prisoner wishes to alight from their hospital bed. The policy should provide guidance on matters such as (a) notification of nursing staff and (b) provision of support/assistance where physical instability is evident.	Recommendation accepted	Operations Directorate intends to carry out a full a review of the Escorting of Prisoners SOP and this recommendation will be further considered as part of that review.	Operations Directorate	Q1 2023
4.	Free text entry on the Prison Information Management System should be an option for staff to provide the reason/further detail for cell movements.	Recommendation accepted	While free text is not available on the cell allocation tab, there is a drop down box which covers most cell movements. Operations will assess the necessary amendments required on the PIMS to allow for a more detailed reason to be recorded for the	Operations Directorate	Q1 2023



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