



IOP Recommendations Action Plan

Proposed Recommendation from the Inspector of Prisons investigation report on  
Death in Custody of prisoner “Mr E” 10/04/2020

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	The Irish Prison Service should conduct a review of the prison estate to determine a policy for the ratio of emergency first aid trained staff on duty to prisoners, and the availability of defibrillators in addition to those held by health care staff in the ‘Red Bag.’	Recommendation not accepted	The Irish Prison Service has healthcare staff on duty in all closed prisons on a 24 hour basis. These qualified healthcare staff provide the first response/pre-hospital emergency care to prisoners. Defibrillators are a part of the core emergency equipment in all prisons and in Q1 2022 a full review and replacement with the latest defibrillator equipment was undertaken.	Healthcare Directorate	Completed



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2.	The Irish Prison Service should explore the viability of providing ‘chest compression machines’ to assist staff who are administering CPR.	Recommendation accepted	The Irish Prison service is working with colleagues in the National Ambulance Service to assess and evaluate the likely benefits of a “chest compression system” within the Irish Prison Service. It is anticipated this will be completed by Q4 2022.	Healthcare Directorate	Q4 2022
3.	The Irish Prison Service should examine the policy for responding to medical emergencies and consider the issues raised by prison staff during the critical incident review.	Recommendation Partly Accept	<p>In response to staff recommendations:</p> <p>(i) <b>Chest compression system</b> Response – As per recommendation 2 above</p> <p>(ii) <b>Privacy screens</b> Response – Screen are available in each prison</p> <p>(iii) <b>CPR training for officers</b> Response – As per recommendation 1.</p> <p>(iv) <b>Developing a checklist</b> Response – this recommendation requires further clarification and discussion. Emergency response need to be managed and directed based on clinical assessment and appropriateness.</p> <p>(v) <b>Radios enabled to make call to emergency services</b> <b>Response</b> - The proposed action of enabling radios to contact other emergency services is not viable. The Irish Prison Service has an internal radio communications system that has capability for 24/7 contact with the on-site prison console. That console has telephony capability for contacting emergency services. All prison healthcare suites have external telephony as do Chiefs and ACO offices etc. This is the operating model the Irish Prison Service has always used and has always been successful.</p>	Healthcare Directorate               Operations Directorate	ongoing



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4.	Critical incident reviews must follow the guidance of the Irish Prison Service agreed protocol.	Recommendation accepted	Operations will re-issue the 11 026 Critical Incident Reporting and Debrief Procedures SOP (1) drawing particular attention to the timeline of the debrief.	Operations Directorate	Q4 2022
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