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Irish Prison Service



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Department of Justice

OIP Recommendations Action Plan

Proposed Recommendation from the Inspector of Prisons investigation report on Death in Custody of prisoner “Mr G” 06/05/2017

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.

Issue	Action(s) Required	Person(s) Responsible	Date for Completion	Status
11.1 Special Observations ensure that the required 15 minute checks by staff are complied with.	Introduction of measures to strengthen compliance 1 The modification of prison landing lighting to ensure visibility of staff conducting checks on CCTV (completed) 2 The amendment of our CCTV policy to provide prison management with the ability to review all night duty CCTV footage to satisfy	Senior management within IPS HQ and Prison Governors	End Feb 2019	Open



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	<p>themselves that full compliance with night guard duty is taking place on a consistent basis.</p> <p>3 The introduction of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new Monitoring of Prisoners Policy; • A new Healthcare Special Observations Policy • A Revised Close Supervision Cell Procedure • A Revised Safety Observation procedure; and • A new Monitoring of Prisoners during Night Guard Duty Protocol. <p>4 In circumstances where full compliance has not been possible the reasons for this will be required to be clearly set out in writing and verified by prison management with reference to the appropriate CCTV footage.</p> <p>5 Standardisation of frequency and recording of unannounced night time visits by governors</p>			
<p>11.1 Special Observations Failure by officers to carry out essential duties should be subject to the Disciplinary (Code for Officers) Rules.</p>	<p>IPS to implement guidelines on disciplinary sanctions for Special Ob's policy breaches</p>	<p>Director Of Human Resources</p>	<p>Q2 2019</p>	<p>Open</p>



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<p>11.2 All property in the possession of a prisoner who is committed to prison should be fully recorded and a detailed description entered in the prison records.</p> <p>11.6 A centralised Policy and Standard Operating Procedures should be developed to provide clarity in relation to the return of personal items following a death in custody.</p>	<p>IPS will develop a Policy and SOP for personal items –</p>	<p>Operations</p>	<p>Q2 2019</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>11.3 Irish Prison Service should review its visitor booking system to ensure that visitors of unconvicted prisoners are facilitated with visits in accordance with Prison Rules</p>	<p>Letter to issue to all Governors to reinforce their obligations in this regard</p>	<p>Director of Operations</p>	<p>End Jan 2019</p>	<p>Closed</p>



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11.4 All CCTV must be saved as soon as possible following a serious incident and/or death in custody and it should be 'locked-down/ secured' electronically to avoid deletion.	Introduction of new platform for storage of CCTV	ICT	Complete	Closed
11.5 A centralised Policy and Standard Operating Procedures should be developed to ensure the Nurse in-change is notified immediately when a new committal has in his/her possession medication and/or medical related material.	The IPS confirms that it has a current Healthcare Standard Operating Procedure which governs the Committal process. The Irish Prison Service is committed to a review of its current Standard Operating Procedure	Care and Rehabilitation	Q2 2019	Open
11.7 No medical items should be places in an area to which Nurses do not have 24 hour access.	As above at 11.5	Care and Rehabilitation	Q2 2019	Open



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<p>11.8 To ensure full and accurate recall on the sequence of events a detailed operational report should be obtained from all staff who had a duty in the supervision of the prisoner and/ or a role in a critical incident such as a death in custody, before they report off duty on the date of the incident.</p>	<p>Letter to issue to all Governors to reinforce their obligations in this regard</p>	<p>Director of Operations</p>	<p>End Jan 2019</p>	<p>Open</p>
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