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IOP Recommendations Action Plan

Proposed Recommendation from the Inspector of Prisons investigation report on Death in Custody of prisoner “Mr X” 08/12/2021

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.	A ‘Person Escort Record’ should be introduced and completed for every movement of a person into or out of prison custody whether by Irish Prison Service staff or by members of An Garda Síochána. This should include details of all medication; when each item is prescribed to be administered; risk of self-harm and vulnerability in addition to security considerations. It should also include any significant comments or threats made by a detained person in connection with their safety or the safety of others. (A similar recommendation was made in Death in Custody Report Ref Ms X 2019 and was accepted by the Irish Prison	Historically, An Garda Síochána provided information on a form known as a C63 form. This form contained details of background information on the prisoners convictions, habits and some health information. This form is still used and provided in certain prisons but its use is not widespread nor is there a formalised agreement between both organisations on same. In 2021, an information sharing group was established to look at information sharing between various Justice bodies, they have begun the process of looking at the sharing of risk relevant information including the C63 form. The Irish Prison Service will bring this recommendation to the attention of the Information sharing group for consideration.	The Irish Prison Service and An Garda Síochána met in late April to discuss this issue and others. A review of the shared UAL Protocol has commenced, this review will take account of changes to the AGS operating model and identify up-to-date Garda Liaison Officers for each prison. As part of this review, consideration will be given to establishing new centralised reporting email structures between the two organisations, while the CJOH (Criminal Justice Information Hub) solution is forthcoming.	Operations Directorate	Ongoing



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	Service. An example of a Person Escort Record was provided as a footnote in Report Ref Ms X 2019 and is again provided at footnote 2 in this report).			
2.	As individuals are being placed in the temporary custody of the Irish Prison Service by An Garda Síochána for the purpose of their appearance in Court, the Irish Prison Service should assign a nurse to the Criminal Court of Justice to conduct a Nurses Committal Interview ¹ . Where concerns come to light and/or where the person has to take medication at specific intervals and/or time, the nurse should make arrangements for a prison Doctor to prescribe the required medication to be administered by the Irish Prison Service nurse during their temporary custody.	Healthcare is provided to those in the Irish Prison Service at prison level. All committals undergo a committal assessment conducted by the Healthcare staff and covers a wide range of health issues . Medical care for persons in the custody of An Garda Síochána does not fall within the remit of the Irish Prison Service.		
3.	The Irish Prison Service should introduce a 'Personal Belongings Record' to be completed by the Criminal Court of Justice Reception Officer. The written record should record all items of personal	Resources are not available to conduct this task at court level. It is suggested that all property in the possession of the person concerned be logged by An Garda Síochána and that log and property be provided to the Irish Prison Service for temporary storage.		



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	belongings, including medication taken into possession by the Irish Prison Service while the person is in their custody and where it is retained i.e. locker 7. The form should have provision for signatures when taking possession of personal belongings and when returning the belongings to include the time signed-out, who signed it out and to whom. The Record should be signed by the Reception Officer, the person being placed into custody and witnessed by a member of An Garda Síochána, if present.			
4.	A Standard Operating Procedure should be developed by the Irish Prison Service to provide Healthcare personnel with clear guidance when a person requiring immediate and/or ongoing healthcare attention is presented by An Garda Síochána to be placed into the temporary custody of the Irish Prison Service.	Persons in Garda custody requiring immediate and/or ongoing healthcare attention should receive appropriate medical care and not be lodged inappropriately into the temporary custody of the Irish Prison Service.		