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IPS Response to the Recommendations from the Inspector of Prisons investigation report on the
Death in Custody of prisoner Mr H on 03/05/2022

The table below sets out the response of the IPS to the two recommendations arising from the Death in Custody report for Mr H 2022.

No.	IoP Recommendations	Irish Prison Service Response	Action Required	Action Owner	Timeline
1	It is recommended that on committal or as soon as possible thereafter that contact be made with the nominated next-of-kin to obtain their consent to be recorded as NoK and ensure that the details provided are valid.	Not accepted	IPS cannot accept this recommendation as this would impose an inordinate administrative burden on the organisation. In addition, this type of procedure would not be considered common practice across the public sector.	Operations Directorate	



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2.	It is recommended that the IPS put in place streamlined procedures to enable the nominated NoK of prisoners to easily update their contact details, for example, through the use of a dedicated email address for the IPS section with responsibility for updating PIMS prisoner details.	To be considered	On a regular basis, the Operations Directorate requests that Prison Governors conduct a census of prisoners' next of kin details to ensure that they are up to date. This process is supported by IT reports made available to all prisons. Ops Circular 04/25 issued on 13 February 2025 refers. In addition, IPS are in the process of developing a formal Next of Kin policy which will take this recommendation into consideration.	Operations & Care & Rehabilitation Directorates	Q2 2025.
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