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## OIP Recommendations Action Plan

Proposed Recommendation from the Inspector of Prisons investigation report on  
Death in Custody of prisoner Mr D in Castlerea Prison on 26.01.2023

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.

Recommendation	IPS Response	Action Required	IPS Action Owner	Timeline
All IPS records involving deaths in custody should be dated and signed. All timings of significant matters such as cell entries and arrival of emergency services should provide exact times section 9.15.	Accepted	Governors will be reminded of their obligations in this regard at the July 2025 meeting of the Prisons' Leadership Team.	Operations Directorate	Jul-25
It is crucially important that any contraband seized in the immediate aftermath of a death in prison custody should be swiftly analysed and the results of that analysis made available in a timely fashion to the management and the health care team in the prison concerned. This information can greatly assist in reducing the risk of future deaths. The Inspectorate invites the IPS to	Not accepted	Contraband seized in the aftermath of a death in custody is evidence of An Garda Síochána, and analysis of this evidence is outside the control of the Irish Prison Service.  The Irish Prison Service will bring this recommendation to the next high level meeting with An Garda Síochána for consideration.	Operations Directorate	Ongoing



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review its existing procedures in this area.				
The record of Hot and Cold CIRM should show who was invited to attend; reasons for non- attendance; and anything significant that non- attendees contributed to the proceedings e.g. in writing or by phone, section 12.1.	Accepted	This recommendation will be considered when developing the revised template for Hot and Cold CIRMs following the finalisation of a new Death in Custody Policy.	Corporate Services Directorate	Q3 2025
A Cold CIRM should be conducted within 14 days of the incident to provide further opportunity for everyone involved, including prisoners where relevant. The purpose should be to identify learning, support everyone involved and assess progress in relation to actions that were identified at the hot debrief, section 12.5.	Accepted - already in place	The Irish Prison Service commenced a review of all Death in Custody related policies and SOPs in Q2 2024. As part of this, a revised interim process for reviewing deaths in custody was put in place, which advises that a Cold debrief review meeting will be conducted within 14 days of an incident where required and insofar as is operationally feasible.	Corporate Services Directorate	Ongoing