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IOP Recommendations Action Plan

Proposed Recommendation from the Inspector of Prisons investigation report on
Death in Custody of prisoner Mr. M on 16/12/2020

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	Prisoners who are granted RTR and are required to engage with community services that are only available on weekdays should only be released between Monday and Thursday.	Not accepted	Relevant staff have been reminded that, in line with the Prisoner release planning policy, applications for reviewable temporary release, where the release would take place on a Friday should not be submitted or approved subject to operational constraints. It should however be noted that IPS are experiencing extreme levels of overcrowding and, while the preferred option is to release Mon-Thursday, releases on Fridays may increase in order to ensure the safety and security of our prisons.	Operations	



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2	Where a RTR plan has been approved, this should not be varied unless all relevant parties have been contacted and details as to who was contacted and when (time and date) recorded on Prisoner Information Management System (PIMS). This requirement should be included in the IPS Temporary Release Policy Guidance.	Accepted	The IPS will reflect this recommendation in its next review of the "Temporary Release RTR, FTR, Date to Date and AM – PM" SOP.	Operations	Q1 2025
3	The basis for all decisions relating to a temporary release should be accurately recorded on PIMS.	Accepted	The IPS will reflect this recommendation in its next review of the "Temporary Release RTR, FTR, Date to Date and AM – PM" SOP.	Operations	Q1 2025
4	The IPS should review its record keeping policy in order to improve accountability and ensure the accurate recording of operational and medical activities.	Accepted	The IPS Strategy 2023-2027 outlines the IPS' intention to digitise prison record keeping and also to roll out self audits to have better internal review processes in place and narrow the margin for human error. The IPS' ability to deliver on its strategic objectives is dependent on the availability of resources, particularly in the context of overcrowding.	Corporate Services	Ongoing