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IOP Recommendations Action Plan

Proposed Recommendation from the Inspector of Prisons investigation report on
Death in Custody of prisoner Mr. P on 09/10/2022

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	The IPS should comply fully with its own protocol in relation to the notification of family (NoK) in cases of grave illness; by ensuring that family (NoK) is notified at the earliest opportunity when their relative becomes seriously ill and is hospitalised. A similar recommendation previously made in the case of Mr. I 2018 was accepted by the IPS.	Accepted	The IPS notify NOK in cases of grave illness insofar as is reasonably practicable, and subject to relevant security considerations.	Operations	Complete



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2	Where medical aids/equipment essential for the prevention of pressure sores are not working correctly or require replacement, these concerns should be communicated to the Chief Nurse Officer for immediate action. A second pressure sore might have been prevented had a pressure cushion been replaced in a timely way when concerns were first highlighted. It is of concern that Mr. P was left for 13 days without a functioning pressure cushion after a second pressure sore was identified.	Accepted	Written communication from Healthcare IPS HQ will be issued to all healthcare staff highlighting the importance of timely checking of medical aids and appliances and the reporting of defective equipment and the ordering of replacements.	Care & Rehabilitation	End Q4 2024
3	Where it is recorded in PHMS that an antibiotic is to be prescribed for a Urinary Tract Infection or any other infection an updated entry should be made if the doctor subsequently decides that an antibiotic is contraindicated.	Accepted	Written communication from Healthcare IPS HQ will be issued to all IPS GPs will be reminded of the importance of entering contemporaneous notes when possible.	Care & Rehabilitation	End Q4 2024



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4	All urine and other samples taken should be sent to the laboratory for analysis on the date the sample is taken, thereby ensuring that treatment, if required, will commence at the earliest opportunity.	Not accepted	Generally speaking, all clinically relevant samples are sent for laboratory analysis as soon as is practicable, but it is not always possible or necessary to send the sample on the same date it is taken.	Care & Rehabilitation	Complete
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