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OIP Recommendation Action Plan

Proposed Recommendations from the Inspector of Prisons investigation report on
Death in Custody of prisoner Mr L in Midlands Prison on 17.07.2023

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.

Recommendation	IPS Response	Action Required	IPS Action Owner	Timeline
The Chief Inspector of Prisons has previously raised an Immediate Action Notification (IAN) regarding the cell call system in Cork Prison and identified the significant risks associated when a cell call notification is not responded to in a timely manner. This has also been specifically highlighted in the report on the death in custody of Mr. G 2021. The OIP reiterates that it is a core duty of Prison Officers to respond swiftly to cell call notifications. It recommends that the IPS draw up a national Standard Operating Procedure regarding cell call notifications, including a national standard in relation to cell call response times. The IPS should also devise a system for monitoring compliance and	Partially accepted	The Irish Prison Service is currently exploring cell call system models as part of a project to introduce an emergency call system. This recommendation will be considered as part of this process.	Operations Directorate	Ongoing



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regular testing of all associated equipment across the entire prison estate.				
It is recommended that the IPS develop and implement a national service-wide Suicide Prevention Policy and Strategy.	Partially Accepted	The Irish Prison Service approach suicide and self harm from a reduction and risk management perspective, as opposed to prevention. The development of a Suicide Reduction Protocol will be progressed following the finalisation of the Irish Prison Service's new Death in Custody Policy and related SOPs.	Care and Rehabilitation Directorate	Ongoing



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As recommended at the CIRM, a SOP on safely removing incapacitated persons from cells with limited space should be developed.	Not accepted	Safely removing incapacitated persons from cells is covered in Basic Life Support refresher training which the Irish Prison Service nursing staff must attend bi-annually. As a standard part of this training, the casualty must be moved to an area where life saving interventions can be carried out safely and appropriately. It is hoped that, should a prisoner be required to be moved onto a landing for life saving interventions, that screens can be erected to shield them from view of other prisoners, thus preserving dignity. However, in emergency, time-critical situations, this is not always possible.	Care and Rehabilitation Directorate	Closed
It is recommended that Prison Officers be reminded of their obligation under Prison Rule 87(1)(b) which requires them to examine equipment in their area of responsibility and report any defects which could compromise good order, safe or secure custody or health and safety. This regular check should include verifying that the Hoffman knife safety box is accessible. A similar recommendation was made by the Inspectorate and accepted by	Accepted	All Hoffman knife safety boxes were checked after the death of Mr. L, finding no reportable defects. This recommendation will be communicated to all Governors at the July 2025 meeting of the Prisons' Leadership Team.	Operations Directorate	Jul-25



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the IPS in the death in custody report in relation to the death of Mr. G 2021				
It is recommended that an inventory should be compiled by prison staff of any item(s) taken into the possession of An Garda Síochána. This formed part of a recommendation in the report on the death in custody of Mr. C 2022, which has been accepted by the IPS.	Accepted	The IPS and AGS have established a number of working groups to examine ways to improve co-operation. One of the sub-groups is examining ways of achieving and maintaining the highest standards and best practice in the preservation, secure continuity, storage and record keeping of evidence. This recommendation has been submitted to this group for examination and full consideration.	Operations Directorate	Ongoing