

No.	Recommendation	Response (e.g. accepted, not)	Action Required	Action Owner	Time line
<b>IPS Director General</b>					
<b>DG22-2</b>	The Director General of the Irish Prison Service should take steps to ensure that all multi-occupancy cells in across the estate are equipped with fully-partitioned sanitary facilities.	Not accepted	<p>It is not possible to introduce fully partitioned sanitary areas as to do so would significantly impact on the availability of living space within cells.</p> <p>Additional efforts to identify a modesty curtain to provide enhanced privacy have not been successful due to operational and prisoner safety issues.</p> <p>Such partitions are being considered as part of all future cell design projects.</p>	IPS Director General	
<b>DG22-3</b>	In the ongoing review of the Prison Rules 2007-2020, consideration should be given to amendment of Rule 27(1)(a) to increase the minimum amount of out-of-cell time, in line with the CPT's Decency Threshold for Prisons (2021), which sets out a goal of at least eight hours out-of-cell time engaged in purposeful activities for people in prison. Particular consideration should be given to safeguarding the minimum out-of-cell time for prisoners on restricted regimes.	Partially accepted	<p>Every prison utilises their Regime Management Plan to maximise availability of out of cell time and purposeful activity for prisoners. Given the level of overcrowding across the estate, the Irish Prison Service is not in a position to increase out of cell time for prisoners beyond that which is currently prescribed for.</p> <p>The number of prisoners on restricted regimes fluctuates daily and the length of time spent on a restricted regime varies greatly as the level of threat and perceived threat changes. Prisoners on a restricted regime may be permitted to mix with other prisoners in different risk groups and therefore are not necessarily deprived of an 'out-of-cell' regime. Out-of-cell time, regimes, services and family contact are offered to prisoners on a restricted regime insofar as operationally feasible, but delivery of services is impacted by the current level of overcrowding across the estate.</p>	IPS Director General	Ongoing
<b>Repeat Rec.: MICT3 (2021)</b>	<b>Repeat Recommendation:</b> Scheduling of meal times at Mountjoy Men's Prison should be amended to ensure meals are served at reasonable intervals and at times that correspond to those in the community.	Not accepted	<p>Prison meal times are scheduled to facilitate both effective delivery of the prison regime and required break times for prison staff.</p> <p>Revisions made to meal times throughout 2022 and 2023 have resulted in a more substantial meal being made available to prisoners later in the afternoon.</p>	IPS Director General	
<b>DG22-4</b>	To ensure accurate and effective record-keeping, the Director General of the Irish Prison Service should review the organisation of compliance functions across the prison estate.	Accepted	<p>The Irish Prison Service is currently developing self-audits in all areas to enhance compliance. Self-audits are currently in place for the National Infection Control Team and the Psychology Service. Additional self-audit checks in respect of a number of additional business areas are currently being planned. This recommendation will be considered as part of the planning process.</p>	IPS Director General	Ongoing
<b>DG22-5</b>	The Director General of the Irish Prison Service should take immediate action to implement the 2017 Policy for Elimination of Solitary Confinement, and in line with Rules 43 and 44 of the UN Mandela Rules (2015), should with immediate effect, cease the practice of prolonged solitary confinement.	Partially accepted	<p>Out-of-cell time, regimes, services and family contact are offered to all prisoners, including prisoners on a restricted regime insofar as operationally feasible, and subject to maintaining the safety of both prisoners and staff. Some prisoners also decline out-of-cell time when offered.</p> <p>The Irish Prison Service's ability to increase out-of-cell time is impacted by the current level of overcrowding across the estate, but all prisoners are offered a minimum of two hours out of cell time.</p>	IPS Director General	Ongoing

DG22-6	The Director General of the Irish Prison Service should set out and make public a strategy to reduce the number of people accommodated under Rule 63 of the Prison Rules 2007-2020. This strategy should consider implementation of alternative measures, such as conflict mediation and restorative justice practices, to reduce prisoner tensions and concerns for safety. As part of this strategy, a review of the mechanisms by which prisoners sign-on and off protection should be conducted to ensure these processes are comprehensive and risk-assessed.	Accepted - in progress	<p>The number of prisoners on Rule 63 fluctuates daily and the length of time spent on Rule 63 varies greatly as the level of threat and perceived threat changes. Prisoners on Rule 63 may be permitted to mix with other prisoners on Rule 63 in different risk groups and therefore are not necessarily detained on '22-hour lock-up' or considered to be in 'solitary confinement'.</p> <p>Out of cell time, regimes, services and family contact are offered to prisoners on Rule 63 insofar as is operationally feasible, but delivery is impacted by the current level of overcrowding across the estate. All prisoners are offered a minimum of two hours out of cell time.</p> <p>As part of the ongoing review of the Prison Rules 2007, a prisoner's request to be kept separate from other prisons will be subject to risk assessment by the relevant Governor. It is expected that this will result in a considerable reduction in the number of prisoners on Rule 63.</p>	IPS Director General	Ongoing
DG22-7	The Inspectorate recommends that the Director General of the Irish Prison Service commission a review of the operationalisation and impact of the current Regime Management Plan in Mountjoy Men's Prison. The review should assess the capacity of the RMP to deliver requisite standards of safety and security while also ensuring fulfilment of prisoners' entitlements, as enshrined in the Prison Rules 2007-2020 and international human rights standards. Appropriate action is required to ensure the staffing of key prisoner facing facilities such as the gym, school and library is ring-fenced.	Partially accepted	<p>Each prison utilises a Regime Management Plan to maximise access to and engagement with purposeful activity for all persons in custody. This is subject to operational constraints, e.g. overcrowding, staff vacancies, management of restricted regimes and provision of Court and Hospital escorts. Gym, school and library access are prioritised on the Mountjoy Regime Management Plan.</p> <p>Regime Management Plans are regularly reviewed by both Prison Management and with support from the Irish Prison Service Operations Directorate.</p>	IPS Director General	Ongoing
DG22-8	The Director General of the Irish Prison Service and the Governor of the Irish Prison Service Training College should consult with frontline prison staff to identify their training needs, and provision should be made to allow for continuous professional development on a structured basis. In identifying training needs, account should be taken of the need to ensure staff working with specific groups of prisoners receive the requisite training in those areas.	Partially accepted	<p>The Irish Prison Service takes a multidisciplinary approach to the identification of training needs, considering feedback from prisons and HQ directorates through the HR Coordinator's meetings as well at the Prisons' and Directors' Leadership Team meetings.</p> <p>This feedback is considered in the context of ongoing review of the Irish Prison Service's CPD programmes and delivery methods.</p>	IPS Director General Governor of the Irish Prison Service College	Ongoing
DG22-9 <i>(also made to the Governor of Mountjoy, see MJ22-10)</i>	The Director General of the Irish Prison Service and the Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison should ensure a clear demarcation between an incident recording system and the P19 (disciplinary sanction) recording system.	Accepted	<p>There are robust measures in place both locally and at HQ level into the management of P19 disciplinary reports.</p> <p>In addition, training has been delivered to all Prisons to ensure effective and appropriate recording of incidents on the National Incident Management System (NIMS).</p> <p>An incident reporting pilot is underway in two prisons to identify opportunities for more efficient and effective incident reporting.</p>	IPS Director General Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison	Ongoing
DG22-10	The Irish Prison Service should develop strategies to improve transfer of information between community healthcare services and the prison, including mechanisms by which those who have been released are able to maintain their wait list slot to access mental health and addiction services.	Partially accepted	<p>A number of the IPS Healthcare Needs Assessment (HNA) recommendations are currently being progressed at prison and HQ level to harmonise the use of in-reach services, and improve the capacity of the system overall, ensuring continued delivery of care to prisoners as they transfer between settings. These include a review of support arrangements in prisons, the establishment of a mechanism to review external support arrangements and the protection of spaces and timeslots for in-reach services that will streamline the continuation of care in the community.</p> <p>The IPS is also working with external providers to clarify needs, expectations, roles and responsibilities around service delivery in prison and transfer to community care on release. Examples of these providers include the HSE, Social Inclusion and Nursing Home Ireland.</p>	IPS Director General	Q4 2025

DG22-11	The Director General of the Irish Prison Service should endeavour to facilitate greater collaboration with hospital outpatient systems. The Irish Prison Service should develop alternative pathways for rescheduling appointments in circumstances where prisoners are unable to attend outside of their control, so that they may be seen at the next available appointment where appropriate. Additionally, use of virtual systems for certain consultations should be considered.	Partially accepted	<p>The Irish Prison Service Healthcare teams at prison and HQ levels engage and collaborate with hospital outpatient systems on a daily basis.</p> <p>The rescheduling of outpatient appointments happens where there are insufficient resources available to facilitate an escort while maintaining safe systems of work for all other prisoners and staff in a prison. The ability to facilitate hospital escorts is significantly impacted by current levels of overcrowding.</p> <p>The use of virtual systems will continue to be considered in the context of ongoing collaborative work with the HSE.</p>	IPS Director General	Ongoing
<u>Repeat Rec.: HQEDWT5 (2022)</u>	<b>Repeat Recommendation:</b> The Irish Prison Service should review and update its Prisoner Gratuities and Private Cash Policy to ensure it aligns with Rule 28.4 and Rule 105.4 of the revised European Prison Rules.	Accepted - This is already in place.	<p>In April 2024 the Irish Prison Service implemented a 15% increase on the maximum daily gratuity a prisoner can receive, increasing to a daily rate of €2.54. Prisoner payments (gratuity + working gratuity) are currently subject to an overall weekly limit which also increased to €21.28.</p> <p>An additional supplement payment may be paid to female prisoners from hardship funds under the "Bangkok Rules". Prison Governors also have a general hardship fund to assist prisoners where required.</p>	IPS Director General	Closed
<u>Repeat Rec.: EDWT13 (2022)</u>	<b>Repeat Recommendation:</b> In the prisons where there are significant issues in relation to student access to the school, teachers are faced with a more challenging work environment. The challenges are due to having to deal with the unpredictability of the opening of the school, the erosion of the start and finishing times, the inaccessibility of accommodation and resources, and difficulties in providing outreach support for the most vulnerable students. While it is accepted and understood that safety and security are prioritised, a plan should be developed and put in place, to ensure that the teachers are facilitated to do their work without impediment, for as much of the school day as possible.	Accepted	<p>Additional Hours continue to be allocated to alleviate staff shortages. Staff recruitment is ongoing. Joint task reviews have taken place in a number of prisons with staffing numbers being generally increased.</p> <p>The Irish Prison Service continues to enhance the means to monitor and audit the application of resources for delivery of education.</p> <p>The Prison Education Management System (PEMS) will be updated in Q4 2025. Updates will include school closure screen tab on the system database.</p> <p>A new Head of Prisoner Services has been appointed with overall responsibility for education. The Head of Prisoner Services and/or their team will continue to meet with Head Teachers on a quarterly basis.</p>	IPS Director General	Ongoing
<u>Repeat Rec.: EDWT14 (2022)</u>	<b>Repeat Recommendation:</b> It is recommended that further access to technology for learning should be provided for students in their cells. It is currently being used successfully as a learning tool in prisons in other jurisdictions, this experience could be researched by IPS and ETB as a potential support to implementing this recommendation.	Accepted	<p>The Irish Prison Service has allocated a dedicated ICT resource to progress ICT projects in respect of Prisoner Services, Healthcare and Psychology.</p> <p>Content on the in-cell TV Channel allows for the broadcasting of local and national information and for the provision of educational material.</p> <p>Work is progressing in relation to purchase, maintenance and upgrading of laptops for prisoners which can be used in cell accommodation. SOPs are being developed to ensure appropriate governance.</p> <p>Tablets purchased by City of Dublin Education and Training Board under the Building Bridges Programme have been adapted by the Irish Prison Service to distribute across Dublin education centres throughout Q4 2025.</p>	IPS Director General	Ongoing
<u>Repeat Rec.: EDWT15 (2022)</u>	<b>Repeat Recommendation:</b> The schools included in this thematic inspection of education and their respective prison management teams, with the assistance of the CDETB, should work more closely together to further align the educational and training programmes with the needs of the students and requirements of prospective employers.	Accepted	<p>The Prison Education Taskforce (PET) was established in May 2023 and aims to ensure greater alignment between prison education and the tertiary education system. This builds on the increased prioritisation and supports for students with a criminal justice history accessing higher education.</p> <p>The PET is a collaboration co-chaired at ministerial level by the Departments of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration and of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science. Its membership is made up of representatives from both Departments, IPS, Probation Service, SOLAS, ETBs, National Apprenticeship Office, Maynooth University and a lived experience representative. The work of this group is ongoing.</p>	IPS Director General	Ongoing

DG22-12	The Director General of the Irish Prison Service, and in particular the Operations Directorate, should review the 2020 "OSG Security Screening Procedure" to ensure the current contraband-detection and visitation procedures are suitably positioned to meet the needs of the prison while also considering and prioritising the rights of prisoners to receive visits, as is their entitlement under Rule 35 of the Prison Rules 2007-2020.	Accepted	The Irish Prison Service published a new Drug Strategy in 2023 with a renewed focus to address substance abuse in prisons. The Strategy identifies 3 essential areas of focus: Inform & Educate, Detect & Reduce, Support & Treat. Each heading confirms a set of practical goals to mitigate against the harmful effects of drugs in prisons. Ongoing evaluation and enhancement of the contraband-detection and visitation procedures are addressed and actioned through the implementation of this strategy.	IPS Director General	Ongoing
DG22-13	In order to facilitate and strengthen the right to family contact, the Irish Prison Service should increase the length of phone calls.	Accepted	Family visits via videolink have been extended to 20 minutes with the option of two five minute extensions. In addition to current phone call entitlements, a project is underway to introduce an inbound telephony system for prisoners in Q1 2026. Once introduced, it is intended that the inbound telephony system will offer two inbound telephone calls of 10 minutes in duration to each prisoner.	IPS Director General	Q1 2026
DG22-14	The Irish Prison Service should review the application in practice of the Prison Rules 2007-2020, Rules 35(3) and 46(4) across the prison estate, to ensure the rights of unconvicted prisoners are fulfilled, particularly with respect to telephone calls and visits.	Accepted	See DG22-13  Every effort is made to ensure prisoner access to calls and visits in line with entitlements. However, in the current space of unprecedented overcrowding decisions need to be taken daily to adjust the regime and ensure that access to all services are distributed fairly within the capacity available.  Family visits via videolink have been extended to 20 minutes with the option of two five minute extensions. In addition to current phone call entitlements, a project is underway to introduce an inbound telephony system for prisoners. Once introduced, it is intended that the inbound telephony system will offer two inbound telephone calls of 10 minutes in duration to each prisoner.	IPS Director General	Ongoing
DG22-15	In collaboration with the Probation Service, the Irish Prison Service should prioritise reviewing the operation in practice of the Community Return and Community Support schemes, particularly because these programmes are central to the Government's strategy to alleviate overcrowding in prisons.	Accepted - in progress	The criteria for participation in the Community Return and Community Support Schemes were reviewed in 2023 and additional prisoners are now eligible for assessment for suitability to participate on these structured and supported schemes. A further review of eligibility criteria is underway, however, a final decision on any amendments will be subject to ministerial approval.	IPS Director General	Ongoing
<b>Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison</b>					
MJ22-1	The standard of cleanliness and state of repair across the prison should be improved and properly maintained; this includes appropriate staffing of trades posts and comprehensive record-keeping to track and measure repair response times.	Partially accepted	Regular cleaning and repair of cells is impacted by the current levels of overcrowding across the Estate.  Damage to cells and faults with equipment are centrally recorded through the Irish Prison Service's MESH system, which also allows for the monitoring of response times.  Recruitment of Trades staff is an ongoing priority for the Irish Prison Service.	Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison	Ongoing
MJ22-2	Prison managers should conduct ongoing recorded audits of the availability of bedding, and where necessary, ensure the replacement of all mattresses, duvets and pillows. All prisoners should each have a clean duvet, sheet, pillow and pillowcase, as well as a sufficient number of towels to use across the course of the week's activities.	Accepted - already in place.	Prisoners are issued bedding on committal to Mountjoy.  Prisoners can also request replacement items and these will be processed as quickly as possible.	Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison	Closed
MJ22-3	In line with Rule 75(3) and Rule 86(1)(b) of the Prison Rules 2007-2020, the Governor of the prison and all staff should maximise opportunities to interact with prisoners in a manner that is meaningful and supports their general welfare.	Accepted - already in place.	Engagement between staff and prisoners in Mountjoy happens daily through informal interactions, governor parades and visits to areas within the prison. All prisoners can request to see the Governor through their Class Officer.	Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison	Closed
MJ22-4	A Governor grade staff member should conduct the daily Governor's Parade; delegation of this function to Assistant Chief Officers should cease.	Not Accepted	It is not operationally feasible for daily parades to be conducted by a Governor grade. A member of the management team at Governor grade meets each prisoner during the committal parade.  Daily parades are conducted by ACOs and requests to meet a Governor grade are facilitated through this process as required.	Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison	

<b>MJ22-5</b>	In line with Section 42 of the Public Sector Duty, the prison should work towards eliminating all forms of discrimination within Mountjoy Men's Prison, with due consideration to, inter alia, (i) clear communication of staff obligations under the Duty, (ii) provision of reasonable accommodations to ensure accessibility, (iii) and means to allow for the expression of one's identity and beliefs.	Accepted	Mountjoy Management have issued reminders to all staff of their obligations under Section 42 of the Public Sector Duty. Management and staff are committed to provision of reasonable accommodations to ensure accessibility and means to allow for the expression of one's identity and beliefs, subject to operational and security constraints.	Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison	Ongoing
<b>MJ22-6</b>	All information materials and forms, including committal, complaints and resettlement documentation, should be readily available to people living in the prison, in all applicable languages spoken by people in custody. In addition, as is being developed in Cloverhill Prison, Mountjoy Men's Prison (and all committal prisons across the estate) should create an introductory committal video, subtitled in the languages most commonly spoken by those committed to the prison.	Not accepted	<p>It is not feasible to translate and make available all forms in use in prisons in all applicable languages spoken by people in custody.</p> <p>The Irish Prison Service currently provides a contracted translation service to all prisoners in custody. In addition, a pilot of a handheld translation device which is capable of instantly translating over ninety languages in three prisons commenced in June 2025.</p> <p>It is hoped that following this pilot, the device will be approved for use across the Prison Estate. Appropriate policies and procedures will be put in place to support this rollout.</p>	Irish Prison Service Director General	
<b>MJ22-7</b>	The Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison must ensure that both electronic and paper-based record-keeping are comprehensive, accurate, timely and transparent in all key areas, in compliance with various provisions of the Prison Rules 2007-2020, and that ensuring good record-keeping is embedded in the prison amongst all staffing ranks.	Accepted	Prison management continue to improve record keeping across the prison, as was noted in the Inspectorate's follow up visit in Q2 2025.	Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison	Ongoing
<b>MJ22-8</b>	The practice of relocating prisoners to the reception area on a temporary basis, should be reviewed, particularly to ensure compliance with the Prison Rules 2007-2020 and assurances of procedural safeguards.	Partially accepted	<p>Temporary relocations to reception may occasionally be necessary to maintain prisoner and staff safety given current levels of overcrowding.</p> <p>Prison management have reminded staff of their responsibility to ensure that every movement of a prisoner to any other accommodation cell is recorded in real-time via the appropriate mechanisms.</p>	Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison	Ongoing
<b>MJ22-9</b>	The Director General of the Irish Prison Service and the Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison should ensure the complement of administrative staff assigned to the prison is sufficient to support the clerical needs of the prison. All administrative staff should receive training, on an ongoing basis, to ensure their knowledge-base is appropriate to the administrative tasks assigned to them.	Partially accepted	The Irish Prison Service recruits and trains prison clerical staff on an ongoing basis to ensure they have the appropriate knowledge and skills to complete tasks assigned to them. Prison Management have confirmed Mountjoy has a full complement of clerical staff (Q4 2025).	Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison	Ongoing
<b>MJ22-10 (also made to IPS DG: DG22-9)</b>	The Director General of the Irish Prison Service and the Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison should ensure a clear demarcation between an incident recording system and the P19 (disciplinary sanction) recording system.	Accepted	<p>There are robust measures in place both locally and at HQ level into the management of P19 disciplinary reports.</p> <p>In addition, training has been delivered to all Prisons to ensure effective and appropriate recording of incidents on the National Incident Management System (NIMS).</p> <p>An incident reporting pilot is underway in two prisons to identify opportunities for more efficient and effective incident reporting.</p>	Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison	Ongoing
<b>MJ22-11</b>	Efforts should be made to enhance prioritisation of healthcare provision by ring-fencing in the Regime Management Plan the positions of prison officers allocated to specific healthcare units to ensure transport of prisoners to appointments and to support initiatives to further develop the healthcare system and optimise the social environment.	Not accepted	<p>The delivery of healthcare services is prioritised appropriately on the Regime Management Plan.</p> <p>It would not be possible to ring-fence any position given that would impact on the maintenance of safety of prisoners and staff.</p> <p>Missed appointments are now being recorded as recommended by the Inspectorate.</p>	Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison	Ongoing

<b>MJ22-12</b>	Shortfalls in the complement of healthcare staffing, particularly in the areas of general practice, nursing, psychology and addiction services, as well as in administrative support for healthcare services, should be immediately addressed in order to provide better healthcare outcomes for people in Mountjoy Men's Prison. The healthcare team in Mountjoy Men's Prison should also have access, or increased access to, ECG, phlebotomy and physiotherapy services.	Partially accepted	<p>The Irish Prison Service recruit healthcare staff on an ongoing basis and as necessary. Prison Management have confirmed Mountjoy has a full complement of nursing staff as well as an increased number of psychologists and addiction counsellors (Q4 2025).</p> <p>The OIP follow up inspection noted improvements to access to phlebotomy and the introduction of a mobile Xray service. In addition, the Irish Prison Service Healthcare team are currently reviewing which Outpatient Department services would be most amenable to conversion to in-reach. This recommendation will be considered as part of the review.</p>	Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison	Ongoing
<b>MJ22-13</b>	The Drug Treatment Programme formerly provided for in the Medical Unit, should recommence immediately, with a view to ensuring that the environment is conducive to achieving positive outcomes. The capacity of the programme should be expanded, and measures should be taken to ensure the programme is suited to the needs of the people in Mountjoy Men's Prison.	Accepted - already in place	<p>The Drug Treatment Programme has been reopened, as noted in the Q2 follow up visit of the Inspectorate. Two additional counsellors from Merchants Quay Ireland have been assigned to expand programme capacity.</p>	Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison	Closed
<b>MJ22-14</b>	The screening programme at Mountjoy Men's Prison should be enhanced including by making provision for it to be adequately resourced by both healthcare and custodial escort staff.	Not accepted	<p>The expansion of preventive health screening beyond the Training Unit is not currently possible due to the level of overcrowding in Mountjoy prison.</p>	Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison	
<b>MJ22-15</b>	The use of a temporary Portakabin structure to conduct the health care screening aspect of the committal process should be brought to an end. Healthcare screening should only take place in premises that enable medical confidentiality to be respected, which means out of the hearing and, unless the member of health care staff explicitly requests otherwise, out of the sight of prison staff.	Accepted	<p>A number of building projects are underway at Mountjoy Prison. The development of an alternative healthcare committal facility which would be suitable for both prisoners and staff continues to be considered.</p>	Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison	Ongoing
<b>MJ22-16</b>	The Regime Management Plan with respect to Mountjoy Men's Prison should be thoroughly reviewed in order to ensure that prisoner-facing posts that facilitate involvement in purposeful activity are more appropriately prioritised. [See also HQEDWT4]	Accepted - This is already in place.	<p>Resource allocation is reviewed on an ongoing basis by Irish Prison Service Workforce Planning.</p> <p>Each prison utilises a Regime Management Plan to maximise access to and engagement with purposeful activity for all persons in custody. This is subject to operational constraints, e.g. overcrowding, management of restricted regimes and provision of Court and Hospital escorts.</p>	Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison	Closed
<b>Repeat Rec.: MJPUEDWT1 (2022)</b>	<b>Repeat Recommendation:</b> In line with Rule 111 of the Prison Rules 2007-2020, the Governor of Mountjoy Prison should ensure that all prisoners in the Progression Unit have access to a structured programme of training.	Not accepted	<p>Mountjoy Prison Management continue to improve and expand the work training opportunities for prisoners in Mountjoy West (formerly Progression Unit), but it is not possible for work training programmes to be made available to all prisoners given the current levels of overcrowding. Prisoners in Mountjoy West can participate in education and access the gym.</p>	Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison - Progression Unit	
<b>Repeat Rec.: MJPUEDWT4 (2022)</b>	<b>Repeat Recommendation:</b> The Mountjoy Prison Governor should expand work training activity and ensure the option of accredited certification is available for people in custody in the Progression Unit, with a particular focus on people who do not already have a certification and/or vocational experience.	Accepted - in progress	<p>Prisoners accommodated in Mountjoy West (formerly Progression Unit) can gain accreditation from QQI levels 2-6 in courses such as Computer Skills, Life Science Horticulture, Communications, Climate Justice, Health &amp; Safety and English Literature.</p> <p>Certification is also available in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Food Safety, Manual Handling, Working at a Height and Abrasive Wheel</li> <li>- State Exams (Geography, Maths, History, Society and Politics)</li> <li>- Open University</li> </ul>	Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison - Progression Unit	Ongoing

<b>Repeat Rec.: MJMEDWT2 (2022)</b>	<b>Repeat Recommendation:</b> The Governor of Mountjoy Prison should take all necessary action to guarantee that all prisoners, in particular prisoners on protection, are accommodated with an absolute minimum of five hours of purposeful activity for five days per week, in line with Rule 27(3) of the Prison Rules 2007-2020. Mountjoy Prison should work towards the CPT's recommended minimum eight hours out-of-cell time for prisoners engaged in purposeful activities.	Not accepted	<p>It is not possible to guarantee a minimum of five hours of purposeful activity for five days per week for all prisoners due to the current levels of overcrowding. All prisoners are offered a minimum of two hours out-of-cell time.</p> <p>The number of prisoners on restricted regimes fluctuates daily and the length of time spent on a restricted regime varies greatly as the level of threat and perceived threat changes. Prisoners on a restricted regime may be permitted to mix with other prisoners in different risk groups and therefore are not necessarily deprived of an 'out-of-cell' regime. Out-of-cell time, regimes, services and family contact are offered to prisoners on a restricted regime insofar as operationally feasible.</p>	Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison - Main Prison	
<b>Repeat Rec.: MJMEDWT4 (2022)</b>	<b>Repeat Recommendation:</b> The Governor of Mountjoy Prison should ensure facilitation of certification for prisoners in all work training activities, with particular focus on protection prisoners and prisoners in the Medical Unit who have little to no opportunity to access and achieve vocational certification.	Partially Accepted	<p>A number of new accredited training courses have been introduced for prisoners to help meet industry shortages (NZEB, Catering) and prison staff have been trained to deliver these courses. Irish Prison Service expect to have accredited training in place by end 2025 in the following areas: Industrial Cleaning, Laundry, Catering, Waste Management, Gym. Talks are ongoing with Solas and other bodies to bring forward apprenticeship/traineeship qualifications.</p>	Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison - Main Prison	Q4 2025
<b>Repeat Rec.: MJMEDWT3 (2022)</b>	<b>Repeat Recommendation:</b> In line with Rule 110 of the Prison Rules 2007-2020, the Governor of Mountjoy Prison should ensure the library is consistently open, and that prisoners who do not attend school are facilitated to access library services on a consistent basis.	Accepted - already in place	<p>The library in the main prison is opened when the main school is opened. All prisoners, not just those attending school, can access the library when the school is operating.</p>	Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison - Main Prison	Closed
<b>Repeat Rec.: MJPUEDWT3 (2022)</b>	<b>Repeat Recommendation:</b> In line with Rule 110 of the Prison Rules 2007-2020, the Mountjoy Prison Governor should ensure that all prisoners in the Progression Unit are able to access library services on a consistent basis.	Accepted - already in place	<p>The library in Mountjoy West (formerly Progression Unit) was temporarily closed to allow for relocation, but has since reopened. Mobile library services were available throughout the time of the temporary closure in Mountjoy West (formerly Progression Unit).</p>	Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison - Progression Unit	Closed
<b>MJ22-17</b>	The Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison must ensure that all prisoners, irrespective of their regime status should have access to, at minimum, one-hour outdoor exercise in accordance with Rule 32(1) of the Prison Rules 2007-2020. This includes the re-opening of the large yard for protection prisoners on B-wing. The Governor must also ensure regular, frequent and equitable access to gym equipment for prisoners.	Accepted - already in place	<p>The Inspectorate observed the completed works to the B yard during their follow up visit in Q2 2025.</p> <p>All Prisoners have regular access to gym equipment. Prisoners may at their own discretion decline access to both the yard and the gym.</p>	Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison	Closed
<b>MJ22-18</b>	The Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison should improve the environment, including green space and cleanliness, and amenities available in yards and recreation areas across Mountjoy Men's Prison. Efforts made to improvement conditions should be made in consultation with prisoners and prison staff.	Accepted - in progress	<p>Mountjoy Prison Management are actively working on conditions for prisoners and staff.</p> <p>The life sentenced prisoners' unit in Mountjoy West (formerly Progression Unit), the D West exercise yard and C Base West exercise yards now have outdoor exercise equipment, with an advanced design to incorporate into the new C West exercise yard along with a newly built recreation area.</p> <p>A proposal for murals throughout the prison including the prison yard areas remains under consideration and is subject to the availability of funding.</p> <p>The B division yard has had a significant upgrade in 2025 which includes the installation of outdoor shelters and seating as well as new sanitary facilities</p>	Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison	Ongoing
<b>MJ22-19</b>	In line with Rule 75(6) of the Prison Rules 2007-2020, the Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison, and all operational and service staff, should coordinate to ensure the timely and effective preparation and implementation of prisoner sentence and community reintegration plans.	Accepted - in progress	<p>Prisoner services including resettlement are prioritised and delivered in line with the Regime Management Plan and may be impacted by escort demands, staffing levels and overcrowding.</p>	Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison	Ongoing
<b>TU22-1</b>	Given the healthcare needs of people in the Training Unit, a number of healthcare services should be made accessible, in particular regularly scheduled dental clinics, psychology and in-reach and outreach physiotherapy.	Accepted - in progress	<p>Dental and physiotherapy services are available to prisoners in the Training Unit. A part time Psychology resource will be assigned to the Training Unit in Q1 2026.</p>	Governor of Training Unit	Ongoing

**Requests for Information**

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<b>MJ22REQ-1</b>	The Inspectorate would appreciate receiving confirmation that the end of life care rooms in the Training Unit are now available for use.	There are two High Dependency rooms on the Training Unit which are capable of facilitating end of life care for prisoners.	Governor of Mountjoy Men's Prison	
<b>MJREQ22-2</b>	The Inspectorate requests an update on the current situation in Mountjoy Men's Prison as regards the issues raised in the recommendations made in the Thematic Report on the Provision of Psychiatric Care in the Irish Prison System, specifically MHT5, MHT6, and MHT16.	The Irish Prison Service reiterates agreement with the referenced recommendations, but cannot accept or implement those recommendations due to their ownership resting with another body.	IPS / HSE	