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OIP Recommendations Action Plan

Proposed Recommendation from the Inspector of Prisons investigation report on
Death in Custody of prisoner Mr M 2023 in Mountjoy Prison on 08/08/2023

The Recommendations submitted by the OIP 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.

No.	Recommendation	IPS Response	Action Required	IPS Action Owner	Timeline
1	The Director General of the IPS should formally remind all Governors that every cell in which a prisoner has died is to be preserved until it has been inspected by the OIP.	Under consideration	The Irish Prison Service are currently legally required to preserve a cell for An Garda Síochána, but will review any agreement proposed by the OIP in relation to cell preservation.	Director General	N/A
2	Several prison officers, prisoners and family members reported having observed Mr. M display paranoia, social withdrawal and repeated behavioural changes. However, this did not result in enhanced monitoring or expedite his access to mental health or addiction supports. The OIP invites the IPS Director of Care and Rehabilitation to reflect upon the need to strengthen existing protocols in order to provide for more rapid access to mental health and addiction supports	Accepted - already in place	<p>Healthcare is available 24/7 in all closed prisons to care for those who present with a mental health or addiction concern.</p> <p>The Healthcare team engaged with Mr M on a number of occasions in response to concerns raised by operational staff and family members.</p> <p>No requirement for expedition to further supports was identified by the Healthcare team in this case.</p>	Care and Rehabilitation	Closed



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	for prisoners presenting with this symptomology.				
3	Neighbouring prisoners initially activated their cell call alarms as they believed Mr. M had attempted to self-harm. However, it was 48 minutes later when an officer responded. The OIP recommends that a new national standard be introduced by the IPS requiring prison officers to respond rapidly to cell call alarms. Compliance with this standard should be closely monitored by prison management, including by reviewing electronic records of cell call alarm response times on a regular basis.	Partially Accepted	<p>The current cell call system that is being standardised across the Estate is a call system to attract the attention of the Officer and is answered as soon as possible. It is not an alarm or emergency response system.</p> <p>A rapid response system is currently being explored through a working group of Governors. The Governor of Operations has demonstrated this possible solution to the OIP and the rollout , if approved, will be subject to the availability of resources.</p>	Operations	2026