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OIP Recommendations Action Plan

Proposed Recommendation from the Inspector of Prisons investigation report on
Death in Custody of prisoner Mr A in Mountjoy Prison on 03.01.2022

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.

Recommendation	IPS Response	Action Required	IPS Action Owner	Timeline
In order to facilitate the effective investigation of deaths in prison custody, and to ensure that all necessary lessons are learned, it is essential that a complete and accurate record be kept by the Irish Prison Service (IPS) of all items found in / removed from a prisoner’s cell following a death in custody. This applies irrespective of whether the items are found/removed by IPS staff or by members of An Garda Síochána (AGS). In the event that items are found/removed by members of An Garda Síochána, the prison’s Governor should be provided with a complete list of the items concerned. Implementation of this recommendation may require the development of a protocol between the IPS and AGS, this was made in Mr. J 2022.	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	Complete



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Tighter procedures should be introduced, including by Work Training Officers, to reduce the risk of prisoners removing cleaning products containing ethanol from work placements when returning to their accommodation.	Accepted	A reminder will issue to all Governors regarding the secure storage of cleaning chemicals.	Care & Rehabilitation	Sept 2025
When a prisoner is engaging with an addiction counsellor prior to transfer to another prison continuity of treatment should be ensured by prioritising their access to addiction services in their destination prison.	Accepted	<p>MQI will refer a transferred prisoner to the receiving MQI team and the prisoner will be added to the case load.</p> <p>A robust system will be implemented to ensure that MQI teams are aware of transferred prisoners at the time of transfer. Prioritisation is not always possible and is dependent on caseloads and waitlists in the receiving prison. However, the referral for the transferred prisoner will provide sufficient clinical information to support decision making.</p>	Care & Rehabilitation	Q4 2025