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OIP Recommendations Action Plan

Proposed Recommendation from the Inspector of Prisons investigation report on
Death in Custody of prisoner Mr D in Midlands Prison on 02/08/2021

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 OIP 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 Irish Prison Service must ensure that it is never the case that cells cannot be rapidly unlocked in the case of a medical emergency. The OIP would like to be informed of the system-wide measures that the IPS intends to take to ensure that the circumstances in which Mr. D lost his life can never be repeated. It would also like to be informed of whether, in the aftermath of the death of Mr. D, any disciplinary action was taken by the IPS against Officer C and/or those responsible for Officer C's supervision at the time of Mr. D's death.	Partially Accepted	Procedures for ready access to keys have been reviewed and updated in approved Standard Operating Procedures in Midlands Prison. This is not an estate-wide measure but procedures agreed in Midlands will be considered in other facilities during broader security reviews where deemed necessary.	Operations	2026



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2	<p>The Irish Prison Service should conduct a clinical review of the circumstances in which Mr. D came to be prescribed antibiotics by a locum doctor, who failed to record the reason for this prescription (or any patient allergy information) in the PHMS. The review should also examine why the locum doctor's referral to a prison doctor was not acted upon. More generally, the IPS should review the adequacy of its arrangements to ensure continuity of care for patients when locum doctors are employed.</p>	Accepted	<p>The Executive Clinical Lead will review the case notes and circumstances relating to this recommendation and revert with learning from this death in custody. Any relevant learnings will be circulated to GPs/locums as necessary.</p>	Care and Rehabilitation	Q4 - 2026
3	<p>The Director General of the Irish Prison Service should issue instructions to all prisons, making clear that the weight and height of all prisoners must be accurately recorded by prison staff on committal, regardless of whether or not the person concerned has previously been imprisoned.</p>	Accepted	<p>This recommendation will be communicated to all Prison Governors at the next meeting of the Irish Prison Service Leadership Team.</p>	Director General / Care and Rehabilitation / Ops	May 2026



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4	The IPS Director of Care and Rehabilitation should issue a reminder to all nurses and doctors working in the prison system that the weight, height, systolic and diastolic blood pressure of all prisoners should be accurately recorded on committal.	Accepted - already in place	Blood pressure readings are currently recorded as part of the Healthcare Committal Process subject to a patient's agreement. This is reflected in the Committal SOP. A reminder will issue as part of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for Healthcare staff. On the committal interview on PHMS, clinical observations have to be recorded contemporaneously in order to move onto the next screen on the system. Other information is fed into the PHMS system from the PIMs system.	Care and Rehabilitation	Closed
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