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Irish Prison Service

OIP Recommendations Action Plan

Proposed Recommendation from the Inspector of Prisons investigation report on Death in Custody of prisoner Mr R in Mountjoy Prison on 26102023

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.	OIP Recommendation	Irish Prison Service Response	Action Required	Action Owner	Timeline
1	On 4 April 2023, Nurse B submitted an entry into the PHMS, recording that Mr. R had again requested paracetamol and noted her concern that Mr. R attended every drug round, requesting paracetamol. Nurse B entered that Mr. R “will need to reviewed by the GP” because of this. The OIP recommends that where a member of nursing staff highlights concern over the repeated requests and potential over-use of prescription medication, a clinical review of that prisoner is conducted by a doctor before any such medication is further provided.	Accepted	Nursing staff may place any prisoner on the GP list for review at any point. Where there are concerns about the over-use of medication (over the counter such as paracetamol, or prescription medication) this is made clear on the PHMS referral. The Irish Prison Service will remind Nursing and GP staff of the need for engagement in relation to the overuse of medication, and the necessary SOPs will be developed as clinically required.	Care & Rehabilitation	November 2026



2	The OIP can only agree with the views expressed by Nurse B and CNO A at the CIRM, regarding the difficulty of one nurse providing CPR (chest compressions) for a prolonged period.	Noted	Lucas machines have been purchased for Limerick, Castlerea and Midlands Prisons in addition to Loughan House and Shelton Abbey Open Centres. The necessary training has also been provided. The balance of the machines are on order and the Irish Prison Service will also coordinate training for these locations.	Care & Rehabilitation	Ongoing
3	On the night Mr. R died, there were 755 prisoners in custody. Given that the IPS continues to refuse to provide CPR training to all prisoner officers (as repeatedly recommended by the Inspectorate), it was unacceptable that only one nurse was on duty to provide a medical emergency response for 755 prisoners. In the period since Mr R's death, the population of Mountjoy Prison has mushroomed to well over 1,000 people. However, during the Inspectorate's 2025 follow-up inspection of Mountjoy Prison, there was still only one nurse on duty at night. The OIP reiterates the recommendation [MJ22-12] in the report on its follow-up inspection that a second nurse be made available in Mountjoy Prison at night.	Partially Accepted	The Irish Prison Service have reviewed necessary data associated with increases, particularly at night time. Decisions are imminent in relation to any additional resource allocations.	Care & Rehabilitation & HR	Ongoing