

OIP Recommendations Action Plan

Proposed Recommendation from the Inspector of Prisons investigation report on
Death in Custody of prisoner Mr F in Midlands Prison on 03032022

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	If, in exceptional circumstances, a person in custody cannot be escorted to an ordinary somatic healthcare appointment due to acute staff shortages or other operational reason(s), a record of any appointments that are cancelled for this reason should be maintained by healthcare personnel and the Governor in charge of the prison notified of these on a weekly basis by the Chief Nurse Officer. Any prisoner whose health care appointment is cancelled for this reason, should be facilitated to attend a replacement equivalent appointment as a matter of urgency.	Accepted	A process is in place for recording missed healthcare appointments, reporting these to the Governor and facilitating the rescheduling of appointments through the Prisoner Healthcare Management System (PHMS). This process is currently under review with an updated SOP awaiting approval.	Care & Rehabilitation & Operations	Ongoing



2	Prison management should (after risk assessment) notify the NoK in the event that a prisoner is transferred to hospital with an immediate life-threatening illness, especially where the death of the prisoner is expected to be imminent.	Accepted	The Irish Prison Service is reviewing its Next of Kin and In Case of Emergency (ICE) protocols to transition toward an ICE contact model. This review includes updating the Prison Information Management System (PIMS), establishing verification processes, and addressing data protection requirements. Currently, the protocol ensures timely notifications during grave illness, subject to operational considerations and risk assessments. The Prison Service currently maintains contact verification procedures for NOK.	Care & Rehabilitation & Operations	Ongoing
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