



## OIP Recommendations Action Plan

### Proposed Recommendation from the Inspector of Prisons investigation report on Death in Custody of prisoner Mr Z in Mountjoy Prison on 15112024

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 |
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| 1   | Following violent incidents and observed confused or agitated behaviour, the Irish Prison Service should introduce a formal escalation and risk assessment process. This process should ensure that any sudden or repeated changes in a prisoner's behaviour are reviewed and recorded. These reviews should inform all decisions regarding relocation from a progression or open unit to a closed prison, cell placement, and the issuing of items that may present a safety risk. | Noted                         | <p>Established processes are in place to assess and manage risks arising from changes in prisoner behaviour, including following violent incidents or where a prisoner presents as confused or agitated. These include dynamic risk assessments, healthcare assessment and intervention protocols, and procedures governing the use of Special Observation Cells (SOCs) and Close Supervision Cells (CSCs).</p> <p>These processes inform decisions regarding prisoner placement, observation, supervision, transfer and the management of items that may present a risk to the prisoner or others. Where indicated, healthcare are involved in assessing the prisoner's presentation and determining appropriate clinical interventions. Healthcare are specifically engaged in relation to decisions about transfers to Open Centres.</p> | Care & Rehabilitation<br>&<br>Operations | Complete |



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| 2 | The Irish Prison Service should ensure that all incidents of violent or unusual behaviour are consistently documented and communicated to relevant staff. This information should be considered in risk assessments and operational decision making to ensure that critical behaviours are not overlooked in management reviews. | Noted | <p>Processes are in place to document and communicate relevant information concerning prisoner behaviour and risk. These include the recording of incidents and case information, dynamic risk assessments, and the use of healthcare and operational protocols to inform decisions regarding prisoner management and safety.</p> <p>In addition, the Multi-Agency Meetings comprising the prison-based multidisciplinary teams provides a structured forum for the review of prisoners who present a risk to themselves or others, including those experiencing significant or acute mental health difficulties. These meetings take place on a regular basis, with multidisciplinary participation from operational and healthcare personnel and other relevant services. The review of at-risk prisoners, the Special Observations list and self-harm incidents are standing items, supporting the sharing of relevant information and the development of coordinated care and risk-management plans. National Terms of Reference for Multi-Agency Meetings are in final stages of development.</p> <p>The Irish Prison Service will remind relevant staff of the importance of consistently recording and communicating incidents of violent or unusual behaviour and review the operation of existing arrangements to ensure that relevant information is appropriately considered in risk assessments and operational decision-making.</p> | Care & Rehabilitation & Operations | Complete |
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| 3 | Considering that senior prison and healthcare staff stated at the CIRM that the initial Code Red transmission was not received, the OIP recommends that the Irish Prison Service conduct a technical and operational review of the TETRA radio system in Mountjoy Prison to identify any coverage gaps equipment failures or procedural weaknesses and ensure that emergency calls are reliably received by healthcare and operational staff. | Accepted | Following a internal review, the Irish Prison Service can confirm that the communication difficulties identified were due to a localised, isolated incident and not a systemic failure or coverage gap. The technical issue has since been fully rectified. The Tetra radio system at Mountjoy Prison is fully operational. The Irish Prison Service remains committed to maintaining robust communication infrastructure to support safety and security. | Operations | Complete |
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