

Proposed Recommendation from the Inspector of Prisons investigation report on
Death in Custody of prisoner Mr D 2019 Wheatfield on 23 March 2019

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.

No.	IOP Recommendations	Irish Prison Service Response	Action Required	Action Owner	Timeline
1	IPS should put in place appropriate controls to ensure adherence to the provisions of Rule 11 of the Prison Rules 2007-2017	Accepted	The Irish Prison Service will issue a reminder to Governors, Doctors and the Chief Nurse Officers to comply with Rule 11 and the Healthcare Standards on committal.	Care and Rehabilitation Directorate	Complete
2	The admission to prison of a person subject to Rule 11, should be automatically notified to healthcare by triggering a notification on PIMS to the PHMS. This timely notification would alert healthcare so that the provisions of the Rule will be addressed within the required timeframes.	Accepted	PIMS information is transferred automatically to PHMS in a matter of minutes. The Irish Prison Service will explore an IT solution that will trigger an automatic notification from PIMS to PHMS.	Operations Directorate/IT Directorate	Q2 2021
3	Medical and Nursing personnel should contemporaneously record medical and nursing interventions on the PHMS.	Accepted	It is current practice that medical and nursing personnel contemporaneously record medical and nursing interventions on PHMS. The relevant procedure in Wheatfield Prison was amended to ensure that the Health Care Team have been	Care and Rehabilitation Directorate	Complete

			alerted by phone of the arrival of a committal.		
4	IPS should ensure compliance with its own SOP regarding observation of prisoners detained in CSC's.	Accepted	The Irish Prison Service will issue an Operational Circular to Governors reminding them of the SOP and their obligations.	Director General	June 2021
5	All persons who are to be subject to 'Special Observation' should be clearly identified on the 'Special Observation List', irrespective of where in the prison they are being accommodated.	Accepted	The Irish Prison Service issued a suite of policies/procedures regarding the monitoring of Prisoner in 2019. The policies/procedures clearly set out the obligations on staff to ensure that all prisoners assigned Healthcare Special Monitoring or Security Special Monitoring are placed on the PIMS monitoring/observation list. The ability to place a prisoner on the PIMS monitoring/observation list is function that is available for all cells on the PIMS system.	Operations Directorate	Complete
6	When the IPS is checking random samples of CCTV footage it should ensure that written records are accurate as evidenced by CCTV footage.	Accepted	The Irish Prison Service can confirm that the practice of checking random samples of CCTV is being completed by Chief Officers. The Irish Prison Service will issue a notice to Chief Officers reminding them of their obligations to check random samples of CCTV and ensure that written records accurately depict the CCTV footage viewed. Consideration will be given to putting an arrangement in place for the cross checking of CCTV checks with journal entries.	Operations Directorate	Ongoing

7	<p>The IPS should ensure that accurate records are maintained and any failure to do so should be appropriately addressed.</p>	Accepted	<p>Currently the process of recording the cell movements of a prisoner in a Special Observation Cell or Close Supervision Cell is manual. Prison management will remind all staff of their obligations to log and record all cell movements in Special Observation Cells or Close Supervision Cells and the importance of recording incidents promptly and accurately in the appropriate log book and electronic systems.</p> <p>An IT solution is being explored to facilitate a more effective and efficient logging process which will support accuracy.</p>	Corporate Services Directorate	<p>Completed</p> <p>To be confirmed</p>
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