



IOP Recommendations Action Plan

Proposed Recommendation from the Inspector of Prisons investigation report on
Death in Custody of prisoner “Mr K” 07/10/2020

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	The Irish Prison Service should introduce a Person Escort Record, which should be completed for every movement of a prisoner into or out of a prison either by Irish Prison Service staff or by members of An Garda Síochána. This should include details of all known risks of self-harm and vulnerability in addition to security¹	Recommendation accepted	The Irish Prison Service has been engaging with An Garda Síochána with regard to the exchange of information including information provided between organisations during the handover of prisoners. This issue is being considered in the context of these discussions with a view to enhancing the level of information shared.	Corporate Services Directorate	Ongoing



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	considerations. ² (Example of HMPPS provided at footnote).				
2	Identification of potential ligature points and items of potential self-harm to those at risk should form part of 'daily inspections' and policy in all prisons, as agreed in the National Strategy for Prevention of Suicide.	Recommendation partially accepted	Daily checks are currently being carried out by staff whereby they look for damage in the cell which could cause a health and safety issue. If there are any issues they are recorded in the Hazard Report Book and action taken if required. Operations Directorate will review the IPS fault Hazard Sheet which is filled on a daily basis by the class officer with regard to ligature points.	Health and Safety Compliance, Corporate Services Directorate	In place
3	Anti-ligature detention furniture (such as in Annex 1) should be evaluated to mitigate against self-harm.	Recommendation Partially Accepted	All furniture purchased is evaluated for their degree of risk. Prior to the awarding of a new contract to a supplier, the Irish Prison Service Health and Safety Officer attends the Tender Evaluation meeting to assess the supplier's products to ensure they conform to Health and Safety and legal requirements. A core list of items is developed, these items are assessed by the Irish Prison Service Health and Safety Officer to ensure safety requirements are satisfied. The Irish Prison Service will review and evaluate anti ligature detention furniture.	Health and Safety Compliance, Corporate Services Directorate	Q1 2023
4	Information about a prisoner's previous history of self-harm recorded in the Risks and Alerts	Recommendation Accepted	Each episode of self-harm is examined, scrutinised and reviewed as part of a Multi-Disciplinary Team process as set out in the SADA guidelines process. There is a Special Feature on PIMS titled 'Pre-Movement Medical	Care & Rehabilitation Directorate	In place



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<p>system should also be recorded on the Prison Information Management System and all prison staff with a duty of care to that prisoner, including the Governor, should be made aware of the existence of such information.³</p>		<p>Alert – High Risk of Self Harm’ the purpose of same is to alert staff when there is any medical issue that warrants consultation with the surgery before a person is transferred or released.</p>		
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