A report by the Office of the Inspector of Prisons into the circumstances surrounding the death of Prisoner B on 27 January 2018 while on Reviewable Temporary Release

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Presented to the Minister for Justice and Equality pursuant to Part 5 of the Prisons Act 2007.

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Preface

The aim of this investigation is to:

- Establish the circumstances surrounding the death;
- Examine whether any changes in operational methods, policy and practice, or management arrangements would help to prevent recurrence of a similar death or serious event; and
- Address any concerns of the family.

The deceased was a 83-year-old man who died on 27 January 2018 while on Reviewable Temporary Release.

I offer my sincere condolences to the family of the deceased.

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1. The deceased was an 83 year old man who resided in the Leinster area.

2. The deceased was committed to prison on 2 December 2016, with a remission date of 19 April 2019.

3. I wrote to the next of kin of the deceased but they did not wish to meet. I can understand their position.

4. I was informed that the deceased suffered from a number of chronic medical conditions and that his medical needs could not be managed in prison.

5. On 8 December 2016 the deceased was admitted to Portlaoise General Hospital, through the A & E Department. He remained an in-patient of Portlaoise General Hospital until 28 February 2017.

6. The deceased was granted reviewable temporary release on 28 February 2017 on compassionate grounds. He was transferred to a Nursing Home in the Leinster area.

7. The deceased satisfied the terms of his reviewable temporary release.

8. The deceased lived in the Nursing Home until his death on 27 January 2018.

Findings

9. The deceased was released on Reviewable Temporary Release, which was subject to a number of conditions, on 28 February 2017. I am satisfied that the granting of Reviewable Temporary Release to the deceased was appropriate, having regard to his medical condition.

10. The deceased satisfied the terms of his reviewable temporary release.

11. The cause of death is a matter for the Coroner.

12. I am satisfied there are no significant matters that require further investigation.