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IOP Recommendations Action Plan

Proposed Recommendation from the Inspector of Prisons investigation report on
Death in Custody of prisoner Mr K on 09/06/2022

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.	A Class Officer in charge of a prison landing should follow IPS Standard Operating Procedures as required in SOP entitled 'Class Officer In Charge of Landing' and maintain a written record on date and time of checks undertaken and outcomes.	Accepted	The Governor has issued a reminder to relevant staff of their obligations under the Class Officer in Charge of Landing SOP.	Operations	Complete.



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2.	When conducting routine checks of cells, prison officers should be especially attentive to the presence of non-standard items, such as “hammock” type footrests, that could be deployed as ligatures. If detected, such items should be immediately confiscated and a clear written record kept of their confiscation, indicating the cell location and the name of the prisoner concerned.	Partially Accepted	Prisoners who are considered to pose a risk to themselves or who notify prison staff of any intention to self-harm are referred to appropriate services in the prison and may be placed on special monitoring. Where there is no indication of risk associated with a prisoner, and where their property has not been classified as prohibited under Rule 9 of the Prison Rules, there will not be a requirement for confiscation.	Operations	Complete.
3.	In the interest of uniformity of procedure across all prisons it is recommended that Irish Prison Service Headquarters develop a centralised Standard Operating Procedure outlining the duties and responsibilities attaching to the role of Class Officer, including the need to maintain a written record on date and time of checks undertaken and outcomes.	Accepted	The Irish Prison Service has confirmed a commitment to develop an Operations Manual as part of their Strategic Plan lifecycle. Work has commenced on certain Standard Operating Procedures to this end. Other areas will be prioritised as resources are allocated.	Operations, Risk, HR	Ongoing