



## IOP Recommendations Response of IPS

Response to the Recommendations from the Inspector of Prisons investigation report on  
Death in Custody of prisoner Mr R 2022 on 28.10.2022

The Recommendations submitted by the IOP have been review and considered. The table below summarises work that has already been completed, or is due to be completed shortly, that is relevant to the recommendations made by the IPS.

No.	IOP Recommendations	Irish Prison Service Response	Action Required	Action Owner	Timeline
1.	<b>First responder training and first aid training should be provided to all IPS staff who have direct contact with prisoners, including PSEC staff. The OIP has previously made a similar recommendation in Mr. I 2019. The recommendation was not accepted by the IPS they stated <i>"This was because of the demands this would place on the staffing system for refresher training each year. The initial training takes three days to deliver and a further one day refresher is required every two years thereafter. The drain on</i></b>	Not accepted.	The referenced response in Mr. I 2019 is maintained by the Irish Prison Service. The below information was also provided in Mr. I 2019:  Considerations for rolling out First Responder training were also based on the principle of equivalency. The response time from the prison healthcare team to a prisoner is likely to be much less that the response time from the HSE to an ambulance call-out.  First responder training is provided to Gym Officers, PSEC Staff and Open Centre staff.	HR / IPSC	Complete



	<i>resources from the requirement to provide refresher training would seriously impact on staffing and the provision of other resources.”</i>		It should be recognised that in the prison setting, a nurse is one of the first members of staff on the scene in an emergency situation. Basic Life Support and First Responder Training is a core element of the skillset of all nurses employed in the prison service.		
2.	<b>The Irish Prison Service hold responsibility for persons in their custody who are temporarily accommodated in Courthouse Holding Cells. The IPS should have access to view and obtain CCTV footage at an early stage of an investigation into a serious incident involving a person in the custody of the IPS. It is recommended that the IPS engage with the Courts Service as a matter of urgency to gain access to CCTV footage. If necessary, amendments should be made to the Courts Service CCTV policy to facilitate this.</b>	.The Courts Service have responsibility for access to CCTV in holding cells.	The Irish Prison Service will engage with the Courts Service to examine the requirements to address this recommendation. The IPS cannot implement amendments to the Courts Service CCTV policy.  CCTV of the holding cell was requested from the Courts Service following the Death in Custody of Mr. R.	Ops/Estates	Q3 2024.



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3.	<b>A record should be maintained of all items taken possession of in a 'Personal Belongings Record' to be completed by the Reception Officer at the Courthouse. A similar recommendation was made in Mr. X 2021. The recommendation was not accepted by the IPS they stated that "<i>Resources are not available to conduct this task at court level.</i>" The OIP recommend that the IPS reconsider their position as it is very important to ensure that a new committal has nothing on their possession which could cause themselves or others harm.</b>	Not accepted.	Resources are not available to conduct this task at court level.  It is hoped that a revised C63 form will be approved and implemented by AGS to facilitate dynamic risk assessment of Garda custody prisoners who are temporarily transferred to the custody of the IPS. New committals will then be risk assessed on a case by case basis.	Ops	Complete
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