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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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Inspector of Prisons

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Preface

Prisoner R was a 62 year old man from the Dublin area.

He is survived by his brother and extended family.

I wish to offer my condolences to the deceased's family on their sad loss.

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Inspector of Prisons Investigation Report

General Information

1. The deceased was a 62 year old man from the Dublin area. He is survived by his brother and extended family.
2. The deceased was committed to Mountjoy Prison on 11 April 2003.
3. The deceased was found in a collapsed state in the Trades Area of Mountjoy Prison on 3 October 2015. He was removed by ambulance to hospital where he died on 8 October 2015.
4. In the investigation of this death I had unrestricted access to all parts of the Prison, to all records held in the prison, to prison staff and to prisoners. I also had access to relevant CCTV footage.

Status of deceased while in Prison

5. The deceased was a 'trustee' prisoner on the enhanced regime. The Prison management have acknowledged the work contribution the deceased made to the prison over his time there.
6. The deceased was well thought of by the prison authorities, staff and fellow prisoners.

Contact with the family

7. The deceased had no contact with his family for many years. I offered to meet the family but my offer was declined. The family informed my Office that Prison Management answered their questions.

Relevant dates and occurrences

8. On 3 October 2015 at approx 6.05 pm Officer A found the deceased in a collapsed state in the toilet cubicle of the trades area in Mountjoy Prison. The officer called for medical assistance and the deceased was attended to at the scene by Nurse Officers A, B and C.
9. An ambulance was called and it arrived at the prison at 6.35 pm. The deceased was removed by ambulance at 7 pm to the Mater hospital and subsequently transferred to Beaumont hospital where he underwent surgery. Following surgery he was transferred back to the Intensive Care Unit of the Mater Hospital where he died on 8 October 2015.

Medical history

10. The deceased had a complex cardiac history for many years and had several hospital admissions relating to his condition.
11. The prison records show that the deceased was, at times, non compliant in taking his daily medication. It is noted on the medical records that the consequences of refusing to take daily medication was discussed with the

deceased on a number of occasions by the healthcare staff but the deceased continued to refuse his medication.

CCTV

12. There was no CCTV available from the Trades area where the deceased was found in a collapsed state.

Findings

13. I am satisfied that the Irish Prison Service acted properly and professionally in dealing with deceased. The deceased was a 'trustee' prisoner whom, Prison Management acknowledge, contributed greatly to the upkeep of Mountjoy Prison.

I am satisfied that there are no further issues which I should investigate.