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surrounding the death of Prisoner B
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from Midlands Prison**

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

Judge Michael Reilly
Inspector of Prisons

26 July 2016

Preface

The deceased was a 39 year old man from the Leinster area.

He is survived by his mother and extended family.

I did not meet members of the deceased's family but corresponded with them by letter. I wish to offer my sincere condolences to the deceased's family.

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Inspector of Prisons

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Inspector of Prisons Investigation Report

General Information

1. The deceased was a 39 year old man from the Leinster area.
2. The deceased was committed to prison on 4 June 2014. He was serving a four year sentence and his remission date was to be 2 June 2017.
3. The deceased was approved compassionate fortnightly temporary release by the Minister for Justice and Equality for health and medical reasons on 22 April 2016.
4. The deceased passed away on 1 June 2016 in St Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.

Status of the deceased while in Prison

5. The deceased was on the standard level of the Incentivised Regime. He was a good prisoner and did not receive any disciplinary sanctions while in custody.

Contact with the family

6. I did not meet the deceased's next of kin but received confirmation by letter that they were happy with the deceased's treatment during his illness while in custody. His next of kin confirmed that "*the deceased was taken to his numerous hospital appointments on time and at all times treated with the utmost care and kindness by the Midlands prison staff*".

Temporary Release

7. The deceased was hospitalised on 14 February 2016 and was subsequently transferred to Beaumont Hospital for treatment. His condition deteriorated and his Consultant confirmed that he was not fit to return to prison and the Prison Doctor concurred with that decision.
8. The deceased was granted Reviewable Temporary Release on 22 April 2016 for compassionate reasons to St. Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 for end of life care. He passed away on 1 June 2016.
9. The cause of death is a matter for the Coroner.

Findings

10. The release of the deceased on reviewable temporary release was appropriate having regard to his medical condition and ill health where he required end of life care.
11. I am satisfied that there are no further issues which I should investigate.