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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 M was a 70 year old man who died on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2012 while on temporary release.

I offer my sincere condolences to the deceased's family.

There are no matters of concern disclosed in this report.

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Judge Michael Reilly

Inspector of Prisons

31<sup>st</sup> October 2013

## Inspector of Prisons Investigation Report

### **General information**

1. The deceased was a 70 year old man at the time of his death on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2012. He came from the west of Ireland. He was sentenced to life imprisonment on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 1999.
2. On the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2000 the deceased was transferred to Castlerea Prison.
3. The deceased had many medical problems which necessitated treatment in various hospitals.
4. On many of his admissions to the hospitals referred to in paragraph 3 the deceased was granted temporary release for the duration of each hospitalisation.
5. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2011 the deceased was granted temporary release on compassionate grounds due to his terminal illness. He was fitted with a personal identification device. This device was removed on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2012.
6. On the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2012 the deceased was granted temporary release on a four week rolling programme. He was under the supervision of the Probation Service. He did not have any reporting requirements.
7. The reason for the deceased's temporary release was that he was deemed at the time to be in very poor health with a poor prognosis. This was the opinion of the medical team that treated him while he was in hospital.
8. The deceased was released to his home. A comprehensive package of care was put in place by the community care team to ensure that his healthcare needs were met. The deceased died at home.

9. I did not interview any members of the deceased's family as I did not consider this necessary in view of the facts disclosed in this Report.

### **Findings**

10. I am satisfied that the decision to release the deceased on temporary release was a humane and correct decision.
11. I am satisfied that the Irish Prison Service ensured that a comprehensive package of care was put in place for the deceased prior to his release.
12. I am satisfied that there are no further issues which I should investigate.