

**A report by the Inspector of Prisons
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while on temporary release**

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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 O was a 55 year old man who died on the 8th November 2012 in the Mater Hospital Dublin while on temporary release.

I met with the deceased's family. They outlined certain difficulties that they were having regarding the deceased's possessions which I was able to address to the satisfaction of the family. I offer my sincere condolences to the deceased's family.

There are no matters of concern disclosed in this Report.

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Inspector of Prisons Investigation Report

General information

1. The deceased was a 55 year old man at the time of his death. He came from the Leinster area. He was committed to prison on the 1st April 2011. His release date was to be the 21st December 2012.
2. On the 6th November 2012 the deceased was granted temporary release.
3. On the 8th November 2012 the deceased passed away in the Mater Hospital.
4. The deceased had various medical problems and these were compounded by addiction issues.
5. I met with members of the deceased's family. They raised issues with me relating to his belongings. I addressed these to the satisfaction of the family. As these issues have been resolved I do not propose referring further to them.

Circumstances of temporary release and sequence of events

6. On the 13th February 2012 the deceased was granted weekly reviewable temporary release. He was, *inter alia*, obliged under the terms of his temporary release to reside at an address in Dublin.
7. Between the 13th February 2012 and the 12th April 2012 the deceased, while on temporary release, abided by all the terms of his temporary release.
8. On the 12th April 2012 the deceased failed to sign on at the Prison and was considered unlawfully at large. On the 17th August 2012 the deceased was recommitted to Mountjoy Prison.
9. On the 18th August 2012 the deceased was medically reviewed. He was in very poor health.

10. Between the 18th August 2012 and the 16th October 2012 the deceased was treated by the medical personnel in Mountjoy Prison for his medical conditions.
11. Between the 16th October 2012 and the 23rd October 2012 the deceased was granted temporary release on medical grounds and was released to St. James Hospital.
12. On the 6th November 2012 the deceased was again granted temporary release on medical grounds and released to the Mater Hospital.
13. On the 8th November 2012 the deceased died in the Mater Hospital.

Findings

14. I am satisfied that the Irish Prison Service carried out the correct procedures prior to releasing the deceased on temporary release on the occasions referred to in this Report.
15. I am satisfied that the deceased had various medical problems and that he received appropriate medical attention for these issues while in prison and when necessary he was transferred to the relevant hospital.
16. I am satisfied that the prison dealt in a humane way with the deceased and that he received a standard of care, particularly medical care, which was at least equivalent to that which he would have received in the community.
17. I am satisfied that there are no further issues that I should investigate having regard to my mandate.