

## **Census of Restricted Regime Prisoners April 2015**

The result of the April 2015 survey shows that the number of prisoners on restricted regimes has increased by 1 in the overall figure compared to January 2015. Figures show that there has been an increase from 300 (January 2015) to **301** (April 2015), an increase of 1 or .3%.

The figure for those on a restricted regime for protection reasons (Rule 63) was 259, (of which 253 were there at their own request).

The number of prisoners on **22 and 23 hour lock up** was **43 (23hr – 29, 22hr - 14)** which represents a decrease of **14 (25%)** on Jan 2015. Since the commencement of the survey in July 2013, the number of prisoners on 22/23 hour lock up has decreased by 168 or 80% from 211 to 43.

### **Key Statistics**

- Of the 950 prisoners classified as protection prisoners only 259 had regime restricted.
- 301 prisoners in total were subject to a restricted regime
- 259 (6.9% of prison population 3,748) prisoners on protection (Rule 63), of which 253 were there of their own request.
- 17 prisoners restricted on grounds of order (Rule 62)
- 10 prisoners were restricted due to discipline (Rule 67, Part 3 Prisons Act 2007).

The restriction of a prisoner's regime can occur due to a number of factors including, the protection of vulnerable prisoners. This is provided for under Rule 63 of the Prison Rules 2007. A prisoner may, either at his/her own request or when the Governor considers it necessary, in so far as is practicable and subject to the maintenance and good order and safe and secure custody, be kept separate from other prisoners who are reasonably likely to cause significant harm to him/her.

The fact that prisoners seeking protection are immediately separated from the general population or from specific prisoners identified as presenting a threat, clearly demonstrates the commitment of the Irish Prison Service to ensure their safety and security. The status of each prisoner on restricted regime within the prison system is regularly reviewed. If possible, prisoners can be transferred to other institutions where a restricted regime would not be necessary.

In addition, the Governor may decide, for the maintenance of good order in the prison, to remove a prisoner from general association or structured activity to reduce the negative effect that a prisoner or prisoners may have on the general

population. This is provided for under Rule 62 of the Prison Rules 2007. There may also be a smaller number of prisoners who would be restricted for medical (Rule 64) or discipline reasons (Rule 67).

In July 2013, the Director General of the Irish Prison Service established a high level group to look at measures which can be introduced to reduce the number of prisoners currently held on restricted regimes with a view to ensuring that all receive, as a minimum standard, out of cell time of 3 hours per day, to engage in exercise or activity.

**Table 1. Out of Cell time**

Prison	total	23 hours in cell	22 hours in cell	21 hours in cell	20 hours in cell	19 hours in cell
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0
Castlerea	2	0	0	0	0	2
Cloverhill	6	5	0	1	0	0
Cork	21	2	0	8	0	11
Dochas	0	0	0	0	0	0
Limerick	60	0	6	10	42	2
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	37	0	1	32	0	4
Mountjoy (M)	90	12	2	11	57	8
Portlaoise	19	1	0	0	0	18
Shelton Abbey	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Pats	0	0	0	0	0	0
Training Unit	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wheatfield	66	9	5	20	25	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>52</b>

**Table 2. Reason for Restricted Regime**

Prison	total	Rule 62	Rule 63	Rule 63	Rule 64	Rule 67	Other
			Voluntary	Involuntary			
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Castlerea	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Cloverhill	6	3	0	0	0	1	2
Cork	21	0	21	0	0	0	0
Dochas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Limerick	60	0	56	4	0	0	0
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	37	4	32	0	0	0	1
Mountjoy (M)	90	1	82	0	0	7	0
Portlaoise	19	5	3	0	0	1	10
Shelton Abbey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Pats	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Training Unit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wheatfield	66	2	59	2	0	1	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>

**Note: Definition of Rules**

**Rule 62** Removal on grounds of order

**Rule 63** Protection of vulnerable prisoners – Voluntary

**Rule 63** Protection of Vulnerable prisoners – Involuntary

**Rule 64** Special observations

**Rule 67** Discipline (Part 3 of Prisons Act, Section 13)

**Table 3. 22/23 hour lock up - difference**

Prison	Apr 2015	Jan 2015	Oct 2014	Jul 2014	Apr 2014	Jan 2014	Oct 2013	Jul 2013	Difference Jul13 – Apr 15
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Castlerea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cloverhill	5	11	5	1	2	0	22	19	-14
Cork	2	8	4	6	2	7	5	10	-8
Dochás	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Limerick	6	0	0	2	0	5	3	6	0
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	1	28	22	17	18	11	6	10	-9
Mountjoy (M)	14	3	2	5	0	5	43	46	-32
Portlaoise	1	0	0	0	0	6	19	24	-23
Shelton Abbey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Pats	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	17	-17
Training Unit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wheatfield	14	7	17	11	20	16	21	79	-65
<b>Totals</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>-168</b>