

## Statement

## General Search of Portlaoise Prison C Block

The Irish Prison Service can confirm that as part of security measures to prevent the supply of contraband in prisons a general search, conducted by the Operational Support Group, was undertaken in the C Block in Portlaoise Prison. The search commenced at 7am this morning (Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014) and was a planned intelligence led search.

The search has now concluded and normal operations are restored at Portlaoise.

The following items were recovered:

- 1 mobile phone
- 189 total assorted tablets
- 3 improvised phone chargers
- 21 litres of Hooch
- 1 USB stick.

This search follows on recent searches carried out in the Portlaoise Prison E and A Wings and on the search carried out last week in Mountjoy Prison.

## Ends

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