



## **Statement by Irish Prison Service on Portlaoise Prison Searches**

A major search, by the Operational Support Group and Portlaoise Prison staff, is currently underway in the E Block of Portlaoise Prison which houses subversive prisoners. The search commenced at 7am this morning and is a planned intelligence led search. At present, approximately 30 mobile phones and a number of modems and USB keys have been discovered.

For operational and security reasons no further comment will be made at this stage.

Ends

12 August 2014