



## **Statement by the Irish Prison Service Death in Custody – Midlands Prison, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015.**

The Irish Prison Service can confirm that a prisoner was found unresponsive in his cell in the Midlands Prison at approximately 6.30am this morning. He received medical attention by prison medical staff before being transferred by ambulance to hospital where he was pronounced dead.

This follows the discovery of a prisoner dead in his cell in Mountjoy Prison yesterday morning.

The Irish Prison Service has launched investigations into both deaths and, as with all deaths in custody, both will be investigated by the Inspector of Prisons and the cause of death will be determined by the Coroner in due course.

The Director General would like to extend his condolences to the prisoners' families.

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