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PRESS RELEASE

SUBSTANTIAL SEIZURE OF CONTRABAND AT MOUNTJOY PRISON

The Irish Prison Service can confirm that a substantial seizure of contraband has today been seized in Mountjoy Prison by the Operational Support Group (OSG) based at Mountjoy Prison. The contraband was seized following an intelligence led security operation by Mountjoy Prison staff supported by the Operational Support Group.

The contraband, which included a substantial amount of drugs including a large quantity of tablets, alcohol and mobile phones, has been provided to An Garda Síochána for analysis and is the largest single seizure of contraband into an Irish Prison.

The Irish Prison Service has commenced an investigation into the seizure and is working with An Garda Síochána in this regard.

The Director General of the Irish Prison Service Caron McCaffrey said this morning's operation was "a very significant result for Mountjoy Prison and our Operational Support Group in their efforts to prevent dangerous contraband from entering the prison". "Given the scale of the contraband seized it is highly possible that these drugs, if they had made their way into the prison population, could have had a devastating impact on the prison population including the potential for the loss of life by overdose".

The Director General commended both Mountjoy Prison and the Operational Support Group for today's successful operation.

Ends

17 November 2020.