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surrounding the death of Prisoner J  
on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2012  
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Presented to the Minister for Justice and Equality pursuant to  
Part 5 of the Prisons Act 2007

Judge Michael Reilly  
Inspector of Prisons

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## **Preface**

Prisoner J was a 69 year old man who died in hospital on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2012 while on temporary release.

I offer my condolences to the deceased's family.

There are no matters of concern disclosed in this Report.

I would like to point out that the deceased's name has been removed to anonymise this Report.

Judge Michael Reilly

Inspector of Prisons

31<sup>st</sup> October 2013

## **Inspector of Prisons Investigation Report**

### **General information**

1. The deceased was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 1978.
2. He served his sentence in a number of prisons. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1986 he was transferred from Mountjoy Prison to Arbour Hill Prison.
3. Following routine surgery at the Mater Hospital in December 2008 the deceased suffered an adverse reaction and passed into a coma from which he never emerged.
4. On the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2011 the deceased was transferred from the Mater Hospital to St. Mary's Hospital, Phoenix Park, Dublin, on Temporary Release. He had been fitted with a personal identification device.
5. On the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2012 the deceased died without gaining consciousness.
6. I did not interview any members of the deceased's family as I did not consider this necessary in view of the facts disclosed in this report.

### **Findings**

7. The Irish Prison Service acted in a humane manner in transferring the deceased to hospital in his last illness.
8. I am satisfied that there are no further issues which I should investigate.