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surrounding the death of Prisoner D
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***Please note that names have been removed to anonymise this Report**

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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 D was a 39 year old man who died in St. James's Hospital while in the custody of Wheatfield Prison.

I offer my sincere 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

14th February 2014

Inspector of Prisons Investigation Report

General Information

1. The deceased was a 39 year old foreign national with an address in the Dublin area. He is survived by one child. He was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment on 27th July 2006.
2. He served his sentence in a number of prisons. On 14th September 2011 he was transferred to Wheatfield Prison.
3. My office made indirect contact with a third party who represented the family to ask if they wanted any input into my investigation. To date I have not received a reply. Therefore, I did not meet with members of the deceased's family.

Sequence of events

4. The deceased had multiple medical problems prior to being diagnosed with a terminal illness in September 2011. I do not intend disclosing such information in this Report.
5. From the date of his diagnoses in late September 2011 to the date of his death the deceased had over 25 hospital appointments/admissions.
6. I am informed that there were other hospital appointments made but the deceased refused to attend. I am also informed that the deceased refused treatment on many occasions both in hospital and within the Prison Healthcare System not alone for his terminal illness but also for his other medical issues.
7. On 6th April 2013 the deceased died in St. James's Hospital following his long illness.

Findings

8. I am satisfied that the medical care given to the deceased in the Prison and in the various hospitals was appropriate notwithstanding the fact that he refused medical treatment on occasions.
9. I am satisfied that there are no further issues which I should investigate.