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Presented to the Minister for Justice and Equality pursuant to
Part 5 of the Prisons Act 2007

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Inspector of Prisons

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Preface

Prisoner L was 50 years old when he died in Mayo General Hospital while in the custody of Castlerea Prison on 5th December 2013.

I offer my sincere condolences to the deceased's family.

No matters of concern are disclosed in this Report.

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Inspector of Prisons Investigation Report

General Information

1. The deceased was a 50 year old foreign national with an address in the United Kingdom. He is survived by his wife and children. He was on remand in Castlereagh Prison since 22nd October 2013.
2. As the deceased's family are living abroad I did not meet them. I did, however, write to the deceased's next of kin explaining my role as Inspector of Prisons and asked if they had any concerns that they would like me to address. To date I have not received any communication from the deceased's family.
3. The deceased's prison medical file was forwarded to me as prison management in Castlereagh Prison had obtained the necessary consent from the next of kin.

Sequence of events

4. On 22nd October 2013 the deceased was remanded to Castlereagh Prison. On committal an assessment and committal interview was undertaken by Nurse Officer A.
5. During the assessment referred to in paragraph 4 it was noted that the deceased "*looks well and healthy and in no distress*".
6. On 23rd October 2013 the deceased was seen by Doctor A. During this assessment it was noted that the deceased had "*some aches and pains in his joints. Headache from no sleep – appears happy and relaxed – in no distress*".
7. On 17th November 2013 the deceased requested an appointment to see a nurse. He was seen by Nurse Officer B. He was complaining of a severe headache and generally feeling unwell. Nurse Officer B referred him to the Accident

and Emergency Department of Mayo General Hospital in Castlebar where he was admitted for further tests.

8. On 26th November 2013 the medical staff in Castlerea Prison were notified by Mayo General Hospital that the deceased was diagnosed with a terminal illness.
9. The deceased's family in the United Kingdom were notified by the prison authorities. On being notified three members of the deceased's family travelled to Ireland and were with him for a number of days prior to his death.
10. The deceased died in Mayo General Hospital on 5th December 2013.

Findings

11. The deceased was able to access appropriate medical services while in prison.
12. I am satisfied that the deceased was promptly and appropriately treated by the medical personnel in the prison.
13. I am satisfied that Nurse Officer B and the medical staff in Castlerea Prison acted promptly in referring the deceased to Mayo General Hospital on 17th November 2013 for further treatment.
14. I am satisfied that there are no further issues which I should investigate.