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## 10. MEDICAL SCREENING

Every detainee will be given a medical screening on arrival (or within 2 hours) as part of the Reception process. This must include an assessment for risk of self-harm and suicidal behaviour among other points noted below. Although the medical screening is not compulsory, Reception staff will encourage every detainee to agree to the screening. With regard to on-going detention, the medical practitioner must consider the following and act accordingly:

- *The medical practitioner shall report to the manager on the case of any detained person whose health is likely to be injuriously affected by continued detention or any conditions of detention.*
- *The medical practitioner shall report to the manager on the case of any detained person he suspects of having suicidal intentions, and the detained person shall be placed under special observation for so long as those suspicions remain, and a record of his treatment and condition shall be kept throughout that time in a manner to be determined by the Secretary of State.*
- *The medical practitioner shall report to the manager on the case of any detained person who he is concerned may have been the victim of torture.*
- *The manager shall send a copy of any report under paragraphs (1), (2) or (3) to the Secretary of State without delay.*

Detention Centre Rules 2001, Rule 35

Detainees who have been seen by the triage nurse and require (or request) to see a Doctor, (subject to their consent), will be seen on his/her next visit. Detainees will see a Doctor in any such event within 24 hours of admission. There is also provision for a more immediate response from the doctor (at the request of the Senior Nurse on duty) if clinically indicated.

A nurse will be tasked with admission duties 24 hours per day, and will be contacted by Detainee Reception when any new detainees arrive.

### 10.1 MEDICATION IN POSSESSION ON ARRIVAL

If during the reception process, reception staff discover that a detainee is in possession of prescribed drugs or medication they will take possession of these items and immediately pass them to a member of the Health Care staff for advice. A detainee found to be in possession of such items will be closely monitored by Reception Staff until he has been seen by a member of the Healthcare staff.