

DCM Graeme Panel shouted "bend them up" and "twist his wrist" prior to a restraint – and called a detainee a "fucking idiot" and mocked a mentally ill man who had covered himself in faeces. On another occasion he unnecessarily restrained a detainee who had been self-harming, inventing an excuse for restraint. **These incidents witnessed by a source, first hand.**

DCM David Roffey was involved with mocking the same mentally ill detainee as G Panel (above). **This witnessed by a source, first hand.** Described by others as heavy handed, during restraint, DCM Roffey is particularly alleged to hit detainees with his shield, inappropriately. **This is hearsay, told to our sources.**

DCO Andy Jennings mocked the same mentally ill detainee as DCM Panel and DCM Roffey (above). He joked that he'd like a detainee on constant supervision to kill himself "nice and early in the week" so he didn't have the chore of constant supervision duties. **This witnessed by a source, first hand.**

DCO Chris Malden said to another custody officer that he deliberately broke a detainee's finger during a restraint. **He said this, to one of our sources.** He has recently left the centre (to work in Gatwick airport security).

DCO Jason Murphy boasted about "smashing" a detainee against the back of his cell. Mr Murphy also stated he then smashed the detainee on the floor into his excrement "we just held him there laying in his own piss and shit." On a more recent occasion he bragged that he had made a detainee "cry" and "bent him up" for pointing at him (Mr Murphy) "one too many times". **He said both of these things, to one of our sources.** He now works in security.

DCO Adam Stringer is said to have struck a detainee in the face with a riot shield deliberately, and then more recently to have badly damaged a detainee's head during a physical restraint. **This is hearsay, told to our sources by witnesses to both events.** He has left the centre.

DCO Derek Murphy bragged recently that he had kneed a detainee in the face during a restraint. **He said this, to one of our sources.**

DCO Alex Davies was suspended after being reported for stamping on a detainee during a restraint, but is now back at work. When placed on reception duty for new detainees rather than primary custody duty DCO Alex Davies commented that he was 'upset' that he was unable to 'bend anybody up' ie forcibly restrain detainees. **He said this, to one of our sources.** He has now left the centre. (The events above this point, in this section ["mistreatment and abuse"] took place between Spring and Autumn 2016).

On the 14th of March 2017, DCO Dan Small told our main source that he was attacked by a small afghan detainee Care and Segregation Unit on the 13th and that DCO Derrick Murphy responded by 'choke slamming' him (this is a technique where you pull someone into a choke hold against your other arm – it is not an authorised technique). DCO Small said DCO Murphy was squeezing so hard that DCO Murphy's face went bright red. DCO Small said both he and Murphy then restrained the detainee using approved techniques outside the office because there were CCTV cameras.

There is one area where we may (depending on expert advice given later) question the restraint being used on detainees, as taught to officers: at a secure NHS hospital, David "Rocky" Bennett was killed in 1998 by the excessive use of face down restraint (he was held face down for 20 minutes). Face down restraint is used at Brook House, but our operative is well briefed to understand when it is being used for too long, or where there is particular danger of chest compression or pressure on breathing. Seeking outside specific professional advice to bolster that training and advice.

Our evidence is that where force is misused that officers then deliberately create a false record of what has happened, by for example saying "he placed a shield against him" or leaving out events (for example where someone was "bent up" or choked). These reports are often read out and laughed about later, which should provide an opportunity to film the falsification of the record.

3. A Culture of Criminality Towards Detainees

Graeme Panel is said by two first hand witnesses to have stolen £200 from the office several years ago (some time between 2011 and 2015). The money was meant for a detainee in the centre. Other staff alleged that Panel had stolen money on a number of occasions since that time and that