

- 1 Although this has occurred on a number of occasions at the IRC, we would highlight three dates:
- 2 On the 5th of May the "roll count" was incorrect twice at lunchtime and twice in the evening (at  
3 "bang up").
- 4 On the 23rd of May "roll count" was wrong during every count delaying unlock by 45 minutes at  
5 lunch, and then nearly an hour after evening "bang up".
- 6 On the morning of the 6th of July, at 0800hrs approximately, the morning "roll count" was incorrect,  
7 but detainees were unlocked, regardless.
- 8 d. Illegal narcotics are used regularly in what should be a secure centre. There are  
9 specific security lapses particularly within the visits regime. This suggests illegal  
10 narcotics are not taken seriously enough by staff and management at the IRC. There  
11 is an allegation that some officers are corrupt and have smuggled in contraband.
- 12 *Ease of access to illegal narcotics*
- 13 A significant number of detainees regularly and frequently appear clearly under the influence of illegal  
14 narcotics, often to an extent that they could be described as looking "like zombies".
- 15 Examples include:
- 16 On the 25th of April 2017 detainee [D343] had taken a new psychoactive  
17 substance (colloquially called "spice") and was unconscious on his bed. Use of spice reached  
18 epidemic proportions during Christmas 2016. Detainees allege they take such drugs - and indeed  
19 that they suffer depression or become angry – as a result of being incarcerated for an indeterminate  
20 period of time. Some say that it is only a matter of time before a detainee leaves in a body bag.
- 21 On the 12th of May, a detainee [D852] was on E Wing after being observed high on spice. He is  
22 believed to have been given the illegal narcotic without his consent ('spiked') by other detainees.  
23 This demonstrates a failure to protect a detainee who says he is only 14 years old. We understand  
24 that West Sussex Social Services are already aware of these allegations, and that the Local Authority  
25 Designated Officer ("LADO") has already been informed. If not, G4S is required to pass on these  
26 allegations to the LADO.
- 27 There were three medical emergencies on the same date (12th of May) related to the use of spice.
- 28 On the 13th of May a smell believed to be that of spice was apparent on A Wing.
- 29 On the 13th of May a medical response was called to a detainee named [D232] as he  
30 experienced a reaction to spice. He was escorted to E Wing for monitoring. Later that day it was  
31 reported that he had smoked spice again while on E Wing.
- 32 Also on the 13th of May there was another, separate, medical response after a detainee named [D1667]  
33 [D1667] smoked spice. He suffered a seizure. Again he was also taken to E Wing for monitoring.  
34 Later, another medical response was called to the room he had been moved onto on E Wing where  
35 it transpired that he also had smoked spice again while on E Wing.
- 36 During these incidents on the 13th of May, some medical staff and officers stated they felt it is only a  
37 matter of time before a detainee dies after inhaling spice at the IRC.