

- 1 During the month of June a particularly strong batch of spice was circulating among detainees
2 resulting in many medical responses.
- 3 On the 10th of June there was a medical response called to C Wing, Room 104, where a detainee
4 had inhaled spice. He had to be wheeled in what is termed an "EVAC chair" to E Wing for
5 monitoring as he could not walk. Upon arrival to E Wing, DCO Derek Murphy said 'welcome back',
6 apparently showing how regularly this detainee is being admitted to E Wing for spice related
7 incidents.
- 8 On the 11th of June, A Wing smelt of marijuana smoke.
- 9 On the 11th of June detainee [D368] was found to be under the influence of 'spice'. DCM
10 Steve Loughton made comments to the detainee such as "Feeling good are you?" "Had a little smoke
11 have we?" in a taunting manner. This detainee is known to staff and has shown a decline in health
12 and appearance, thereby demonstrating the inability of management and staff to protect vulnerable
13 detainees.
- 14 On the 14th of June there were another incident involving a detainee who took spice, named [D1275]
15 [D1275]. The reaction of some members of staff is detailed in point f, below.
- 16 On the 15th June there were four medical responses called for 'Spice attacks', three were
17 simultaneous. One of which resulted in a detainee from Kosovo called [D149] having fits.
18 His heart rate was so erratic that, eventually, an ambulance was called. This is an example of the
19 potency of the drugs circulating within the IRC and the inability of management to stop it.
- 20 On the 19th of June there were two simultaneous incidents involving spice, which required medical
21 responses. One detainee named [D612] collapsed outside the room of another Vietnamese detainee
22 while he was being treated for a spice attack. This shows the prolific grip that spice has on the IRC.
- 23 *Specific security lapses*
- 24 On the 27th of May DCO "Gietry" (Phonetic) said that many 'visits-hall' staff do not monitor or
25 enforce visits rigorously enough; they allow people to freely go in and out of the hall, to the toilet
26 despite the danger of drug exchanges. She stated that she believed this is how most of the drugs are
27 entering the IRC.
- 28 On the 6th of July DCO Aaron Stokes was left alone in the 'visits-hall' despite that fact he was
29 supposed to only be shadowing other DCOs; he had no previous experience of working in visits
30 prior to that shift.
- 31 Also on the 6th of July two officers, who were supposed to monitor a 'visits-hall', DCOs Mark Earl
32 and Slim Bassoud left the CCTV screens unattended and stood chatting to each other in a corner,
33 often failing to observe detainees.
- 34 *Allegation of officer corruption / bringing in of contraband.*
- 35 A former detainee at Brook House (present at the IRC between June 2016 and May 2017) has been
36 interviewed by BBC Panorama and alleges that he (the detainee) personally had a conversation with
37 an unnamed male detainee custody officer at Brook House, in which the officer discussed bringing in
38 contraband and offered to bring in more for this detainee. This allegedly included, "any drugs you
39 want" including pills, heroin, crack, cocaine, cannabis, spice and smart phones. This same detainee
40 was told by other detainees that there were other corrupt officers, as well.