

here nigger, listen to me". At the time I did not process what he said as I was anxious about filming in riot kit. However since then I have had time to process this and I was offended by what he said due to the nature of its meaning. In the end we did not need to intervene as [D275] was removed by the TNRT.

John Connolly on a number of occasions has shown complete contempt and hatred towards the Detainees. About 3 shifts before I went undercover, Connolly ordered the strip search of a detainee for no real reason. Connolly said "Take his fucking clothes off". The detainee was stripped of his clothing as DCO's stood around laughing at him. He was shown no dignity. John Connolly referred to him as a "Cunt." This verbal abuse towards detainees was commonplace in Brook House.

On 8th May 2017 I was sat in the E wing office with DCO Derek Murphy and a second DCO who I only knew as Jordan. Derek Murphy was relaying a story about a detainee who was refusing to pack his stuff up as he was about to be removed from the centre. He told us that the detainee had placed razor blades into his mouth, so Derek used a chopping motion with his hand striking the detainee around the neck area. I took this to mean that he used force to get the detainee to spit the razor blades from his mouth, however, it could have been taken that he just hit him. The method used is not taught in control and restraint so is not an approved technique. Any decision to remove items like this should be made by a manager and would be based on a dynamic risk assessment at the time.

On 14th June 2017 whilst on duty on E Wing, I was playing pool with DCO Daniel Lake. Dan told me that he had watched Sean Sayers, who is also a DCO at Brook House, backhand a detainee across the face. I took this to mean that Sean Sayers slapped a detainee with the back of his hand. Dan Lake did not go into any other detail. About one hour later I found DCO Sean Sayers in the staff room and spoke to him about what I had been told earlier. DCO Sayers in a very formal and black and white way said "I picked him up, took him into the room and fell on him accidentally, using his face to get up". The tone of his voice was very sarcastic and he was smiling.

On 4th July 2017 I was working my normal 13 hour shift. At some point during the afternoon a First Response was called to a self-harming incident. I arrived after about 30 seconds from when the 1st Response was called. As I arrived I could see 3 or 4 other DCO'S stood outside the detainee's room, I knew the detainee as [D865]. The other DCO's were just looking at him. I could see that he had something similar to a thick lace tied around his neck. It was obvious that there was something around his neck and I could not understand why no one else could see it. A DCM present at the time was Chris Donnelly. He was stood directly in front of me and had direct sight of [D865]. Donnelly said "There is nothing around his neck". I could not really understand why no one could see the ligature around his neck. I was still stood outside the room, and yet I could see it clearly. I said "No, what's that tied around his neck". At this point Chris Donnelly took his fish knife from his belt and cut the ligature off. I was stood about 2 meters away and could clearly see the ligature. [D865] was lying on his front, head to the side, was motionless on the floor and appeared unconscious. I could see that the thick lace was tied to a TV bracket which would have been fixed to the wall around 7 feet up and would have held the TV which was also on the floor with the bracket. He tried to use the bracket to hang himself. Chris Donnelly demonstrated hatred towards the detainees. I am sure he was intent on letting the detainee suffer. I would say that it was at least 2 minutes between the first response being called and Chris Donnelly removing the ligature from the detainee's neck. The nurse came in soon after to check him over. At this point [D865] was sat on the bed. The nurse tried to establish why he appeared down, and Connolly just said "Were you trying to kill yourself?"

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