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A Home Office investigation into the circumstances surrounding the alleged instances of mistreatment of D2054 during his detention in Brook House Immigration Removal Centre.

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- 6.1.9 On the flight to Nigeria, [D2054] had only received one of his six tablets and this was the [Sensitive/irrelevant] for his diabetes. His medication had been given to him when he had been handed over to the Nigerian authorities. [D2054] had been given two charities to contact for assistance on his arrival in Nigeria. He provided the paper upon which the addresses and names were written. These were the International Organization of Migration (IOM) in Lagos and Abuja. He said that when he called the numbers, one was unavailable and the other was not a charity.
- 6.1.10 [D2054] said that 'the health care should have been considered that I was not mean to injured myself and stitch the wounds but they did not that's why I lost a lots of blood on my way to Nigeria.' He said that he had been bleeding after Healthcare had treated the wounds and continued to do so before, during and after the use of force and his removal to Nigeria. He was that the amount of blood he lost could have killed him. [D2054] said that during the use of force he had banged his head on the floor and this had directly caused him memory loss, possible brain damage and none stop headaches. He had not told the Brook House or Tascor DCOs that he had hurt his head and had had memory loss previously but it had worsened since the use of force. He had not sought treatment for this in Nigeria because he had no money to afford the medical costs.
- 6.2 Subjects: Summary of Rule 41 Use of Force reports, Incident Report and Report of Injury to Detainee dated 28 June 2017 and Telephone Interviews conducted with Detainee Custody Managers Dave Aldis and Ben Shadbolt and Detainee Custody Officers Derek Murphy and Jonathan Martin dated 18 and 24 August 2017 (Appendix B)
- 6.2.1 DCM Aldis said that he had been aware of [D2054] prior to the planned use of force on 28 June 2017 because he had been present when [D2054] had said that he could not return to Nigeria when served with his removal directions on 21 June 2017. He had opened the ACDT. Whilst he had been recorded as the case manager, DCM Aldis said that he was unaware of [D2054]'s food refusal given they had 10 such cases at the moment. He said that whilst a DCM would be allocated as case manager and the intention was they would be present at any case review for consistency, given shift patterns and sickness this did not always occur.
- 6.2.2 On 28 June 2017, he had been the operations manager (Oscar 1) and had been asked to attend [D2054] because he had made a couple of cuts to his upper left arm with a razor blade. DCO Murphy said that he had also attended this first response and both said that they had seen Healthcare attend to [D2054]'s wounds and "patch him up." DCM Aldis said that wounds had been "small, superficial marks to his ([D2054]'s) upper left arm." He said Healthcare had said that [D2054] did not require hospital treatment. DCM Aldis and DCO Murphy were consistent that the wounds were clean and not bleeding once Healthcare had completed their less than 10 minute treatment.
- 6.2.3 DCM Aldis said that he had put [D2054] under constant supervision following this self harm attempt and moved him to their safer custody rooms where [D2054] could be observed through the glass door (E Wing). He said that Duty Director Michelle Brown had authorised a full search to ensure all blades had been

removed. DCOs Murphy and Luke Odey had completed this search and recovered one blade during and one subsequent to the search. DCO Murphy could not recall conducting the search.

- 6.2.4 Just after 21:00 hrs, DCM Aldis had gathered a team in personal protective clothing (PPE) to move **D2054** from his room to the Tascor escorts waiting in reception to remove him to Nigeria. This had been a planned removal given **D2054** **D2054**'s self harm and refusal to leave for his flight. The team was there in case **D2054** refused to walk to reception for his removal. He had held a briefing and CL Williams had been present and said that she had no medical concerns. DCM Shadbolt and DCOs Martin and Murphy confirmed that they had attended the briefing.
- 6.2.5 DCM Aldis and the other subject officers were consistent that DCM Aldis had spoken to **D2054** and asked him "numerous", "several" and "three to five times" to leave with DCM Aldis and walk to reception to talk with the Tascor escorts. The officers in PPE had been unable to hear **D2054**'s response because they wore helmets. DCM Aldis said that **D2054** had responded that he was unwell and talked over DCM Aldis. All the officers were consistent saying that the team in PPE moved to the door so that **D2054** could see they were prepared to enter and remove him by force and that DCM Aldis had told **D2054** this and offered again for him to walk to reception voluntarily. DCMs Aldis and Shadbolt and DCO Murphy were stood at the door and had heard **D2054** refuse. The team had entered as instructed by DCM Aldis. There was a slight inconsistency as to the time (between 23:10 and 23:20 hrs) officers arrived and entered **D2054**'s room. All the officers said that **D2054** had been sat up in bed when they had entered.
- 6.2.6 DCO Murphy said that he had been on the shield and was number one officer. He had used the shield as trained to do so and between him and **D2054** upper body to prevent **D2054** causing him or the team injuries and in case of any further blades. There had been no further blades. DCO Murphy had then discarded the shield, passing this to a support officer for removal from the room.
- 6.2.7 DCO Martin said that he had entered and taken control of **D2054**'s left arm (clarified as right arm at his telephone interview). DCM Shadbolt said that he had entered and taken hold of **D2054**'s left arm "isolating the arm by holding **D2054**'s left arm with my left arm on his lower arm and my right arm under **D2054**'s armpit."
- 6.2.8 DCO Murphy said that **D2054** "had gone rigid" and resisted officers and had been assisted to the floor. DCO Murphy had taken hold of **D2054**'s head (fingers under the chin and back of his head) to prevent **D2054** from banging his head on the floor. DCM Murphy said "at no time did the gentleman's head touch the floor." He said his hand had been between the floor and **D2054**'s head. DCM Shadbolt and DCO Martin both said that they had heard no noise to suggest that **D2054** had banged his head on the floor.
- 6.2.9 DCO Martin said that **D2054** had been assisted to the floor given **D2054** had "wriggled off the bed" and had been moving his body to fight with