

SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PLAN**UNANNOUNCED INSPECTION OF BROOK HOUSE IMMIGRATION REMOVAL CENTRE****Inspected 31 OCTOBER – 11 NOVEMBER 2016**

Ref	HMCIP Recommendation	Accepted / Partially Accepted / Accepted Subject to Resources / Rejected	Progress	Action Taken / Proposed	Expected Completion Within [6 / 12 / 18 months]
Main Recommendation – To the Home Office					
5.1	The reasons for the increasing length of detention should be analysed and appropriate remedial action taken. All casework should be progressed promptly and, if that is impossible, the detainee should be released. (S35)	Partially Accepted	Ongoing	<p>There is no fixed time limit on immigration detention in the UK although no one is detained indefinitely. Once a person is detained their continued detention remains under review by the Home Office at least at 28 day intervals, and earlier in response to any change of circumstances that might have a material effect, to ensure that it remains lawful and appropriate. If at any time that ceases to be the case the individual will be released from detention. Caseworkers are required to work with diligence and expedition to ensure individuals are detained for no longer than is reasonable to achieve return.</p> <p>In response to a number of Shaw recommendations relating to detention reviews, the Home Office commissioned the creation of Case Progression Panels where all those detained in immigration detention would be reviewed together on a regular basis, quality assuring detention decisions and suggesting actions to ensure cases are progressed at pace. Case Progression Panels which reviewed cases on a minimum of a three monthly basis, beginning with the week following the third 28 day detention review, were successfully piloted in June and July 2016 and were implemented as business as usual on 01 February 2017.</p>	
Main Recommendation – To the Home Office and Centre manager					
5.2	Concerted action should be taken to soften the prison-like living conditions. Showers and toilets should be adequately screened, and toilets deep cleaned. Units should be well ventilated and detainees should have more control over access to fresh air. (S36)	Partially Accepted	Ongoing	<p>A comprehensive action plan has been implemented and work commenced to clean all detainee rooms and toilet areas, which is being tracked and is part of a continuous programme of cleaning.</p> <p>All showers are individual and are located in communal areas. They are each screened with a curtain and a door. Curtains for all toilets have been ordered and are in the process of being installed.</p> <p>The self-regulating building management system manages the temperature and ventilation throughout the Centre and does not permit detainees to have control over fresh air access in bedrooms.</p> <p>A review of the effectiveness of ventilation system has been commissioned</p>	12 months 6 months 6 months
Recommendations – To the Home Office					
Safeguarding Children					
5.3	All detainees claiming to be children should have a Merton-compliant age assessment by social services. (1.38)	Accepted	Completed and Ongoing	The Home Office is bound by section 55 of the Borders, Citizenship and Immigration Act 2009 which places the Secretary of State under a statutory duty to make arrangements to safeguard and promote the best interests of children. Our policy is not to detain children or those whose age is disputed. A claim is disputed where there is little or no evidence of age and there is doubt about whether an individual is a child, as claimed. Where new information comes to light which indicates that a person who is being treated as an adult and is being held in detention may be under 18, the Home Office would release the individual to the local authority at the earliest safe opportunity for a Merton and further case law compliant age assessment.	N/A