

## **Ed Marsden's notes from meeting with Hindpal Singh-Bhui**

HMIP

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### **G4S**

- G4S is not a bad provider.
- Having three detainees in a cell is 'playing with fire' but means G4S will make more money from the contract.
- G4S don't understand increased length of stay

### **Brook House/ IRCs**

- Mis-designed Brook House
- Feels like CAT B - not worst around however
- CAT B - high emphasis on security
- Not as bad as Liverpool
- Relatively modern - not good for detainees
- Design failed - HMIP not consulted - told HO what they thought
- Built to provide better
- No HO blue print for IRCs
- Good CAT B - HBS will have to think about that ?Preston?
- Comparable IRC - Colnbrook & Harmondsworth
- Dominic Aitken - researcher for Mary Boswell - he went to Brook House
- Security on spice/drugs generally - HBS has some team members who can help. Majella Pearce.
- 18 per cent of residents said they had been physically abused
- More 'hostile' approach from Home Office - No Notice removals, tension comes when there are vulnerable people in detention, caring staff.

### **Staff**

- Nathan Ward came to see HBS - worth interviewing
- BH used to be a 'basket case' - poor safety