

**ANNEX C****DETENTION SERVICES ORDER 9/2016 – DETENTION CENTRE RULE 35****Rule 35(3) report – concerns that a detainee may have been a victim of torture****Section 1: Detainee's details**

Forename(s):	<b>D2287</b>		
Surname:			
Date of Birth:	<b>DPA</b>	HO reference number:	12011604
Immigration Removal Centre:	Gatwick Immigration Removal Centre		

**Section 2: Detainee's authority to release medical information**

The detainee named above has authorised the release of the medical information in this report in line with the guidance in DSO 1/2016 – The Protection, Use and Sharing of Medical Information Relating to People Detained Under Immigration Powers.

**Section 3: Medical practitioner's report**  
**(Please read the notes at the end of this form)**

**I have examined the detainee named above in my capacity as an immigration removal centre medical practitioner and hereby report that I have concerns that the detainee may have been a victim of torture. This is a factual report rather than a medico-legal one.**

I understand that torture in this context means:

*Any act by which severe pain or suffering, whether physical or mental, is intentionally inflicted on a person for such purposes as obtaining from him or a third person information or a confession, punishing him for an act he or a third person has committed or is suspected of having committed, or intimidating or coercing him or a third person, or for any reason based on discrimination of any kind, when such pain or suffering is inflicted by or at the instigation of or with the consent or acquiescence of a public official or other person acting in an official capacity. It does not include pain or suffering arising only from, inherent in or incidental to lawful sanctions.*

I also understand that it includes such acts carried out by terrorist groups exploiting instability and civil war to hold territory.

#### Section 4: Detainee's account

Please provide details of the account given to you by the detainee of the alleged torture. In particular, please provide:

- as much detail as possible about the detainee's explanation for the cause of each injury, scar or symptom (physical or psychological).
- details of when, where, how, over what timeframe and why the torture is said to have happened, if possible.

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- He claims to have been tortured whilst in Iran in 2012.
- He says he was harmed by officers of the prison warden on two occasions whilst detained for initially 1 month then again for 3 days.
- On the first occasion, he was tortured every 3 days. Each incident would last upto 90minutes.
- There were many manners of torture which included; he was hung from the ceiling with hand cuff and beaten with piece of wood. He was beaten to the back and head, and legs. They manually broke his fingers (index fingers). He was also attacked on one night and the individuals knifed him at various sites. He says that since this he has been unable to sleep. He has reported this torture to medical justice. in the UK.
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- He was extensive scarring to left and right arms, hands, palms and fingers. He also shows me a large scar to the chest.
- bony deformity to the right knee, he relates to a bone being broken.
- He has a large scar on his scalp.
- The scars vary in size and shape, mostly linear. There is no obvious uniformity to the scarring.
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- He says he did see the doctors in Iran for mental health needs, and this occurred weekly for 6 months and says he was started on medication but cannot recall what they were. He says he was having nightmares at night and would wake up in the night scared, worried that something would happen to him. He says this has worsened since being in detention.

## **Section 5: Relevant clinical observations and findings**

Please provide details of your objective clinical observations and findings. This should include:

- details of all scarring or other physical marks, psychological symptoms, physical disability or impairment.
- details of any medical or professional treatment/support that the detainee has received (including outside the UK) or is receiving and from whom.
- any information in respect of previous or current physical or mental health problems which may be a result of having been tortured.

Extensive scarring.

- Describes flashbacks and night terrors at night because of experiences.
- He has been on mental health medication (antidepressants) but presents mentally stable and no psychotic features or acute deterioration

## Section 6: Assessment

Please set out your reasoned assessment of why, on the basis of the detainee's account together with your own examination and clinical findings, you are concerned that the detainee may have been a victim of torture. This should include your assessment of:

- the consistency of any physical (eg scars) and/or psychological findings with the detainee's allegations, including any evidence to the contrary
- whether there might be other plausible causes for the findings
- the impact detention is having on the detainee and why, including the likely impact of ongoing detention

If there are no physical or psychological findings to support the detainee's account, you must state why, in your professional assessment, you nevertheless have objective grounds for your concern.

He may be victim of torture and provides a credible account. His scars are consistent with his account, as is his mental health presentation and difficulty sleeping. He has certainly been subjected to extensive physical violence in an uncoordinated fashion. He is fit for detention currently but he may well deteriorate mentally with prolonged detention.

## Section 7: Signature

Signed:.....

Printed name:.....

Position and qualifications:  
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Date..... 11 Jun 2017.....

If other healthcare professionals have supported you in examining the detainee and/or in producing this report their details must be given below:

Signed:.....

Printed name:.....

Position and qualifications:  
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Date.....

Signed:.....

Printed name:.....

Position and qualifications:  
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Date.....

Signed:.....

Printed name:.....

Position and qualifications:  
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Date.....



### **NOTES – for the medical practitioner**

The requirement to report need only be triggered by you having a concern that the detainee may have been a victim of torture. However, you should not make a report where the detainee's experience of harm or mistreatment does not meet the definition of torture given in section 3 above, or where you do not have clinical concerns that the detainee may have been a victim of torture, including instances where there is no basis for concern other than an unsupported claim by the detainee to have been a victim of torture.

Your report must be completed legibly, with all questions being completed fully. Consideration of the report will be delayed if Home Office officials have to return the report to seek clarification.

If the Home Office request clarification of any point in this report, this must be provided promptly.

Once completed this report must be faxed to the Home Office IRC Team.

A signed copy of this report must be placed on the detainee's medical record and another signed copy provided to the detainee free of charge.

The Home Office response must on receipt be reviewed by the medical practitioner. If it is considered to unsatisfactorily address the original concerns, it must be escalated to the Home Office IRC Team.

### **NOTES – for the Home Office caseworker**

You must consider and respond to this report in line with the guidance and instructions in:

Chapter 55b Enforcement Instructions and Guidance – Adults at Risk in Immigration Detention

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