Statement regarding Brook House IRC

Dear

Last week we received a letter from BBC Panorama setting out a number of allegations relating to operational and commercial matters and the conduct of a number of staff at Brook House Immigration Removal Centre (IRC). These allegations are expected to feature in Panorama next Monday evening at 2100hrs.

Allegations regarding staff conduct include aggressive language and behaviour towards detainees. On the basis of the information provided by Panorama we have suspended nine members of staff pending an investigation and restricted the duties of another five. We have also commenced our own investigation into the matters raised.

We have not seen any evidence to support the allegations made. Brook House continues to operate as normal and the centre remains safe and secure for all detainees.

We have made a statement about the allegations and the suspensions this morning. You can access the statement here.

We recognise that the type of behaviour described in the allegations is not representative of G4S colleagues across the country and we hope to have the opportunity to put that point across in our stakeholder engagement over the next few days.

If you witness or are concerned about any behaviour which does not align with the company values and standards, then please report it to your line manager or make use of the confidential whistleblowing service, Speak Out.

Kind regards

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