



HM Prison &
Probation Service

Report to DC CT592 Stephen Trott Sussex Police

Case number....

Annex B

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1. I have received a request from DC Stephen Trott to comment on a number of issues raised by DCO Paschali during his Police interview with DC Trott. I submit this evidence as an annex to my initial report dated the 6th February 2018. I can confirm that to the best of my knowledge I do not know any of those involved in this incident and prior to the investigation I observed the BBC Panorama documentary.
2. My original report, dated 6th February 2018, outlined the training and operational policy in relation to the Use of Force (UoF). I also explained my background and current role, which evidences my expertise within this particular field.
3. The footage shows DCO Paschali controlling the head of a detainee, known only as [D1527] in the supine position. This is where the detainee is lying on his back with staff controlling his head and arms. In situations involving exceptional violence an additional member of staff can be deployed to control the legs.
4. The email I received from DC Trott, dated 18th February, lists a number of comments made by DCO Paschali when interviewed
 - He admits that he was in No1 position had his hands around his throat but was bracing his head as he thought he was choking on something. He states he was trying to stop him swallowing something and was saving his life rather than trying to hurt him. He admits the comments but they were not meant as it was said.
 - He stated that this was a medical emergency rather than a C and R thing.
 - He also stated that he was never trained to deal with this so was acting as he believed reasonable for the situation.
5. I make reference to the Use of Force training manual 2015 v2.1. All staff receive medical guidance during their annual refresher course. This is cascaded via a DVD produced and narrated by Dr Iain Maconochie FRCPCH, FCEM, FRCPI, PhD.

‘Under no circumstances should staff put any body weight on the neck, chest abdomen or back of the person being restrained. Neither should there be any hold around the neck as otherwise blockage of the airway can occur, leading to unconsciousness and death. ‘Pressure from the outside e.g. anything that holds the mouth closed or compresses the neck is potentially dangerous. NEVER hold a prisoner around the neck.
6. In response to the comments by DCO Paschali and considering the medical advice provided to staff I can add the following to my initial report.
7. At no time was there any dialogue or communication to indicate that the detainee had anything concealed in his mouth, or that DCO Paschali had concerns over the detainee choking. If he did have concerns then he would surely have stated this at the time and alerted other staff to the risk. The audio on the footage is clear and no mention was made of

an item in the mouth or a risk of choking. If this was a medical emergency then the expectation is for staff to shout/alert others by saying 'medical emergency'. **Training has been provided since January 2016 on how to manage a detainee experiencing medical problems.** This includes how to adjust the supine technique into the restraint recovery position. At no time did DCO Paschali summon the healthcare staff, despite knowing that they had attended the incident. If he considered that the detainee was at risk I would have expected him to have reacted differently and certainly not to have continued with the pressure around the neck or the dialogue he was heard to use.

8. I am unable to comment on what level of first aid/emergency aid training staff at Brook House receive. The individual training records for DCO Paschali, held centrally at the Centre, will provide details of all UoF training and other training undertaken, including first/emergency aid.

I can confirm that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge at the time of producing this report. This annex is in addition to my previous report and annex A.

Jonathan Collier

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