

BROOK HOUSE INQUIRY

Third Witness Statement of Karen Churcher

I provide this statement in response to a request from the Inquiry dated 11 March 2022.

I, Karen Churcher will say as follows:

1. I have been asked to consider KENCOV1044- V2031086-000051, Clip 4 and the transcript at TRN0000094. I can confirm that I was present during the conversation referred to in these video clips and documents. The transcript is incorrect in that it states that I am speaking at the parts when Michelle Brown is speaking.
2. In my evidence to the Inquiry when asked about the comments made by Michelle Brown in this clip, I confirmed that it was inappropriate for Ms Brown to offer a view on a detainee's suicidal risk. I did try to offer my view to Ms Brown, as you can see in the transcript when I attempt to interrupt her and say the word "but." Ms Brown would not listen to me.
3. I did attempt to challenge Ms Brown.
4. I have been asked to consider KENCOV1044-V2017070600010, Clip 5 and the transcript at TRN0000094. I was present during this conversation.
5. Ms Brown stated that D728 should be given a placebo instead of mental health medication. She was joking. This was not a serious suggestion.
6. Detainees were never given a placebo in place of mental health medication.
7. D728 was never given a placebo in place of mental health medication.

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| <u>Statement of Truth</u> | |
| <p>I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.</p> <p>I am content for this witness statement to form part of the evidence before the Brook House Inquiry and to be published on the Inquiry's website.</p> | |
| Name | Karen Churcher |
| Signature | Signature |
| Date | 15 th March 2022 |

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 Statement No: 3
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