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Our ref: **Sensitive/Irrelevant D1527**

Your ref: A1848650

Date: 27 April 2017

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Dear Sirs,

NAME OF CLIENT : **D1527**  
DOB : **DPA**  
NATIONALITY : **Egyptian**  
HO REF : **A1848650**

We write on behalf of the above-named client, for whom we are already on record.

We have received and considered our client's medical records from IRC Brook House. The medical records indicate that our client has been informed by Healthcare staff he may not be released from detention due to his mental health issues. We believe that this is causing our client to significantly under-report the extent of his mental health problems because he is concerned that speaking honestly to Healthcare staff will prolong his detention.

In particular, we refer you to a note made Nurse Karen Churcher on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017. She informed our client that:

*Home Office have not released him despite receiving his rule 35. It was explained that often if there is a risk that he may harm himself they will not release as detention is a safer place*



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*for him. He than [sic] stated he just wants to die. Does not matter if in here, outside or in another country.*

We request that you urgently review the capacity of Healthcare staff at IRC Brook House to manage our client's complex mental health needs. In light of the comments of Nurse Churcher, we no longer consider that IRC Brook House offers care of sufficient quality to ensure that our client can be safely detained.

We note that you have not responded to our correspondence sent yesterday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017, which requested the following:

1. Disclosure of Rule 40 Notice;
2. A Rule 35 (1) Report to review the effect of continued detention on our client's health.

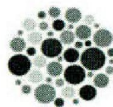
If you have any queries, please contact Alexander Schymyck by telephone on DPA

Please ensure that you quote our reference number Sensitive/Irrelevant D1527 in all correspondence and communications with this office.

Yours faithfully,

**Signature**

**Duncan Lewis**



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Dear Sirs,

NAME OF CLIENT : D1527  
DOB : DPA  
NATIONALITY : Egyptian  
HO REF : A1848650

We write on behalf of the above-named client, for whom we are already on record.

### Serious Concerns about the welfare of our client

We have been informed that our client is currently on ACDT at on the Healthcare wing at IRC Brook House. He has expressed suicidal intentions to his support worker and stated that he is refusing food in an attempt to end his life. Our client has not eaten for 7 days and we have serious concerns that further detention will cause him serious injury or death.

We request that you urgently arrange for a Rule 35(1) Report to be carried out on our client to assess the effect of detention on his mental and physical health. Due to the deterioration in his mental health over the past 14 days, it is not sufficient for you to rely on him to approach detention centre staff himself to raise these concerns.



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Furthermore, we request that the Rule 35(3) report, completed on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017 is re-assessed in light of the further evidence of the effect of detention on our client's health.

**Use of Rule 40**

Our client has informed us that he was removed from association yesterday, but he was not served with written reasons for this decision. We remind you that the Detention Centre Rule 2001 Rule 40 (6) states that detainees will be provided with written reasons within 2 hours of the decision.

We request that you immediately send us a copy of the reasons for using Rule 40. If no written reasons were produced, then please inform us of the action you intend to take against detention centre staff for unlawfully segregating our client.

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Yours faithfully,

**Signature**

**Duncan Lewis**