

Summary of Interview with [D450] on 22 January 2018

Start: 15:27 hrs

End: 15:47 hrs

Present on telephone:

Helen Wilkinson, Investigating Officer, Professional Standards Unit

[D450] witness for [D668]

The background to the interview was explained and [D450] consented to the telephone interview being digitally recorded. He was advised that [D668] had named him as a witness to an incident that occurred in August 2017.

[D450] said that he was in Brook House IRC for two months between 01 July and 24 August 2017. He had been on B Wing for a day and then moved onto D Wing. He had met [D668] on D Wing and they were both Christians and went to church and met in the library and computer room. [D450] was from Guinea and [D668] from the Ivory Coast. [D668] was sharing with [D450]'s friend who was also from Guinea.

In response to an incident during dinnertime on 12 August 2017 and water being thrown on him, [D450] said that they were on the ground floor near the kitchen. He and [D668] were sat eating with detainees from Ghana and Malta. There were people from Nigeria, Afghanistan there. There were 12-15 people there. Suddenly, water was poured on them. They did not know what kind of water. The water was thrown from the top floor (there are two floors). [D450] had put his t-shirt in the bin. The water was all over the food and everywhere. He did not know who had thrown the water and had no feedback from G4S. They were all trying to go upstairs. He had blocked the stairs and said that they should not go upstairs and fight as that would give G4S the opportunity to do what they want.

He said that they should go and see the officer to find out what had happened. He did not know this officers name. They saw the officer and he could see that there were wet. He had told them to go upstairs but [D450] had said no and he should see the camera. They were not stupid. If they went upstairs there would be fighting. The officer had said they should go upstairs but [D450] had said no he should see the camera. He thought the officer wanted them to go upstairs to fight, so they could put them in the block..

The officer had told them to go upstairs and he closed the door to the office, saying he was checking the CCTV. They waited 1-2 minutes and he then came to us. They asked him who had done this and he said that he would contact the higher G4S officer. They had waited near the office. They had asked an officer later and he said he knows who did it but would not tell them. They had never received any feedback.

He was happy with how the interview had been conducted.

He was upset about his experience in Brook House. He was advised to make any complaint he had about Brook House through his solicitor.