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This statement, consisting of _2_ pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date: 06th February 2018

RE: D687 (7549784)

Applications for the cultural kitchen are submitted by the resident through activities staff. These are passed to the Security department to review previous history and recent behaviours to make informed decision of access to the cultural kitchen. This does prompt a review each time an application is made.

Initially persons wanting to use the cultural kitchen must not have been convicted of any Weapons crime or Sexual Assault as these were deemed as a risk to staff working in the area as well as Aramark having concerns for their safety. If the person has been disruptive and removed from association then a period of 60 days from this incident the person is not allowed access to cultural kitchen or paid work.

The cultural kitchen is secured by one locked door that staffs possess keys for, the kitchen is manned by Aramark staff (Catering Contractors) that is predominately females, who are not trained officers and have very basic personal protection training. Persons authorised to the use the kitchen are locked in with the Aramark staff that oversee and support cooking of meals and at the time had access to knives and other utensils of the kitchen.

From what I can recall of this period in time changes had come about in regards to all residents having access to the cultural kitchen as it was deemed it needed to be fairer for all. Although it was very confusing at the time and needed some bedding in as nothing was made official.

The changes brought in was to allow those persons with Weapons crime or Sexual Assault to be able to cook, by having the food prepared so that knives were not necessary and also a Detainee Custody Officer in the cultural kitchen to for the safety of Aramark staff.

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As part of the changes and confusion persons with sexual assaults applying for cooking in the cultural kitchen required review to confirm convictions.

I do not have access to records where I would have extracted the information from, as these travel with [D687] to each establishment he has been resident.

Not having access to the files to confirm my assessment, I believe that I did a further review of the initial information of all files including the Prison file to find that although the PNC shows sexual assault and that [D687] may have gone to court for this, there was not a conviction.

Due to the history of [D687] my concerns for staff and confusion over who is allowed access, I presented this and my findings to the then HOSS N DAVIES who gave the authorisation for [D687] to use the cultural kitchen.

I am not able to fully recall all information from that period of time or confirm information supplied as mentioned not having access to the files that were available at the time. I do not believe that the information supplied was incorrect and was my assessment of analysis of the information to hand. Ultimately the decision was made by N DAVIES for [D687] to have access to the cultural kitchen.

At the time I was working in Security as a collator reviewing previous, current information for making risk and intelligence assessments for the safety and security of the centre and others. Information is recorded on various systems and original paperwork is secured in locked cabinets and rooms, of which only authorised persons have access to. I would never disclose or share information with other person detained at Brook House.

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