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Week Commencing: 21 August 2017
Rota Visit: 21 & 23 August 2017

Two main items of note: (i) there was an attempted escape by three Albanian detainees on Monday night (caught by alarms on the B Wing Yard fence). As a result, B and D Yards were closed pending investigation and this meant large numbers of men using the remaining two yards. I saw two of the three Albanian men in CSU on Wednesday – the third had been moved to another centre by then; and

(ii) what appears to be a co-ordinated plan of food/fluid refusal by a number of Afghani men on D Wing (now seven I understand). Their complaints were about immigration, including length of detention. On the previous Sunday 20/8/17, 15 men had refused to come in from D Yard for lunchtime lock-up. It was resolved through talking within about 30 minutes, during which a spokesman for the men said they were upset about the length of time in detention and several of the men said they would commence food/fluid refusal.

1. Mandatory Visits

Scheduled Wing -- A

ARUN WING	0 Application	1 SLP	2ACDT
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Very noisy each time I was there - lots of shouting and six or eight men hanging around near the doorway. There didn't seem to be any particular problems, and the mood was positive, but it was loud.

Generally clean, but with the bins at the eating area over full even before lunch on Monday. It looked better at Wednesday lunchtime. Small bags of rubbish at the ends. The shower areas looked very clean. The laundry had quite a bit of water on the floor, but it all looked to be working.

Lunch unlock started at 12.35. The men serving all had net or cap head cover on. There were no sauces etc at the start, but most men just shrugged at this or grumbled quietly. A DCM was called and replenished and stayed for the rest of service. There was a long but patient queue. I ate lunch one day with some Pakistani men and the food was fine.

Reviewed the ACDT and SLP files, and I spoke with [D2951] who is on SLP and the Adults at Risk list on Detainees of Interest. He had been sectioned and was in Langley Green, but returned to Brook on 3rd August. I later spoke with Healthcare about him.

Only two men on the Yard smoking when I looked on Monday – but it was a miserable weather day. On Wednesday, there were about 25 men playing cricket or watching and the yard was manned by an officer following the escape attempt.

BECK WING	0 Applications	3 SLP	3 ACDT
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This is the gold standard wing for cleanliness – it even smells fresh when you enter! I hadn't noticed before that the decoration here is different to other Wings – softer and varied colours on the walls and doors. It all seems a bit calmer. There were bags of rubbish at the end, but all tied up and in a tidy pile. Why can't the other wings be like this for cleanliness and appearance?

I asked if the Wing was being used for inductions and officers told me that it was, plus for accommodation for paid workers. On both rota days, officers told me that there was still sometimes a problem with shortage of mobile phones.

Reviewed ACDT and SLP files. Met with [D1318] who now has crutches. He is on SLP with mobility and balance problems due to deformities of his feet. He said that he had been helped with placement on the Wings to give better access to the showers – although he has to shower sitting down, else he may fall over. He is going to ask for a r 35 assessment. He said that GDWG had been helpful, getting him clothes and visiting.

Met with [D750] on ACDT. This is the man who has made a complaint about his missing dog. Spoke briefly with [D855] who is also on the Adults at Risk list which says that a psychiatrist has decided he should be sectioned and Brook is waiting on Langley Green to assess him for suitability there. Surprisingly there was no SLP for him. Later spoke with Healthcare about this.

B Yard was closed for general use when I was there on Monday, and a detainee from E Wing was getting some fresh air with an officer. On Wednesday it was closed after the escape attempt.

CLYDE WING	0 Applications	2 SLP	1ACDT
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I didn't have long on this Wing, but it looked in good order – very clean/freshly mopped on the ground level and showers clean. There were bags of rubbish, but tied up and orderly. The laundry looked okay. The fax machine is still out of order, waiting for the new line.

I reviewed the ACDT and SLP files.

On Wednesday, there were about 25 men on C Yard, no activities going on. On Thursday, there was a larger number and the mood wasn't as good – a few men were hogging the football and just kicking the leather off it, making it unpleasant for pretty much everyone else I thought. When the officer on duty tried to get them to ease up and let others participate, there was a lot of noise and complaint about D Yard not being open and so too many forced onto C Yard. The Oscars arrived and it settled. I think that there was a plan to get Activities to do an organised match/comp later.

DOVE WING	0 App	0 SLP	0 ACDT
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A detainee shouting very loudly at two officers when I arrived – I think he may have been caught out trying to get two main meals. Eventually calmed down. Rubbish bin at the back door was spilling over and generally dirty there, but I later saw an orderly cleaning up. The showers were clean.

A [D807] was insistent that I go see his roommate who he said hadn't eaten 'for days'. While there, a third Afghani man came in and told me that Afghanis were 'protesting' about detention and the Home Office. I subsequently learned that they were being monitored on a daily basis for food/fluid refusal and on the Handover list, and that ACDTs were opened later. On [D807] himself: he was extremely agitated and fearful about his potential return to Afghanistan. I found it hard to stop him shouting, but arranged for an imam to visit as he requested. Later, on reflection I thought that I should have told Wing staff about his behaviour. I called Loraine the next morning about who to talk with and she very helpfully offered to pass my concerns on to D Wing staff.

Reviewed ACDT and SLP files.

D Yard – didn't visit on Monday, but closed on Wednesday.

EDEN WING	0 Apps	2 SLP	3 ACDT
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In and out several times on both rotas, mainly to CSU. Reviewed the ACDTs and spoke briefly with a few men on the Wing.

CSU/rules 40 & 42

I saw [D12] in CSU on Monday. A Russian man on rule 40 since Saturday I think for refusal to share. I had a lengthy conversation with him, and he was very clear that the downsides of r 40 are worth it to him. He seems to have issues about the cleanliness of others and Wing rooms and toilets, plus a deep anger at what he says are people talking behind his back. Also attended his r 40 review on Wednesday – he was to be moved to Morton Hall where he could have single occupancy until removal.

Calls during the week involved a total of six men going onto r40, with two use of force: the three attempted escapees, [D3049] for refusal to share, Mr [D224] for hitting his roommate and [D3736] violent on arrival from Morton Hall. I attended r40 reviews for [D3049], [D3049], [D3125] and [D3161] – the latter two could have been held longer on r40 due to senior Home Office consent after the escape attempt, but [D3161] was to be transferred and then come off r40 and [D3125] was to go onto E Wing with restrictions. There was no one in CSU by Sunday morning.

HEALTHCARE

Detainee of Interest meeting cancelled, so I spoke with Chrissie Williams about the two men listed as Adults at Risk. [D2951] from A Wing is scheduled for the Albanian charter on 31/8 and willing to go and his family have arranged psychiatric help for him in Albania. On [D855] from B Wing: a psychiatrist was due to see him on 25/8, and there would be a decision on whether he was fit to fly. I raised the question of why there wasn't an SLP (the Detainee of Interest list said there was one open, but there wasn't). I will ask Gilly to follow up on both men next week.

At a separate stop in Healthcare after conversations with two men, I had asked if a man in Reception or elsewhere with Healthcare had indicators which might point to r35 (eg, he suffers PTSD), would the nurse volunteer to him that he should seek a r35 assessment. It seems not, as r35 was not considered to be 'a right'. (DSO 09/2016 says an appointment with a GP must be made for detainees who answer 'yes' to the question of whether they have been tortured 'or otherwise give an indication that they may have been a victim of torture'. So, it will be a question of judgment, but maybe a more open approach to the issue would be in the best interests of a potentially vulnerable detainee?)

Forward/Rapt have good signs up on the Wings and ran a stress management session on Wednesday.

HOME OFFICE

Brief check in and saw Simon at the r 40 reviews. No issues from the Rule 35 whiteboard. Interestingly, [D812] (the man with the long-delayed r35 app) has since been released on 3/8/17 on T/A.

KITCHEN

No issues to raise. Lunch on A Wing was good and looked decent-sized portions to me, although a lot of men do load their plates with rice/potatoes/bread.

Optional Visits

ACTIVITIES

Exceptionally long queues at the **Shop** – for at least an hour on Wednesday, the queue seemed constantly over 25 men. The shutter had closed due to a fault and this caused the backlog. Facilities arrived very quickly and sorted the problem. I went into the shop to see what had happened and ended up staying to help out the lone Aramak employee with serving – as did the Oscar.

Men waiting in the **Welfare** queue had ticket numbers. At 11am, one said he had been waiting 45 minutes. Not sure if this was accurate, but I pointed out that he would appreciate the same detailed attention to his issues when it was his turn. A big and not very happy queue on Wednesday afternoon. There was only one officer in Welfare and Bail in Detention (BID) was running a clinic in the office too. I sat in on part of the BID clinic. Each detainee gets one-on-one help and I think that BID provides a good service/aid for detainees.

Music Room – I looked in here when I had to go up to Religious Affairs office. One man was playing his own (very good) composition on the keyboard, another man just in to use keyboards and a third just enjoying the place. It's a great space, very well-equipped and surprisingly peaceful, but doesn't seem used much?

ART ROOM

Busy. I spoke with Sara and also a few men about their work. There is a competition every so often with total of £20 prizes. Juls Williams is usually the judge.

BARBER'S SHOP

Only one customer when I passed, yet there was an impromptu pop-up barber working outside the gym with a few customers.

CHAPLAINCY

Stopped in briefly to pass on a detainee request for a visit from an imam. There were a number of men in private prayer groups in the chapel.

CULTURAL KITCHEN

Closed on Monday morning.

CONTROL ROOM

Did not visit.

EDUCATION

Closed each time I passed and with last week's schedule on the door.

GYM

Near full, with 13 out of the 15 spaces in use. All machines and sound working and no issues raised with me.

IT SUITES

Only looked in, but the main room was busy. On the rounds, a few men approached to complain about internet access difficulties.

LIBRARY

A few men in here. **Legal Aid:** The wait time for an appointment was eight days – so about the same as in mid-June allowing for public holidays. A BID survey of IRCs for Spring 2017 showed that a wait of up to one week would be in the top quartile.

RECEPTION / DISCHARGE

In through Reception and out through Departures on both rotas. Reception was quiet, but Discharge was readying for men to go on both days.

VISIT HALL

I stopped in on Wednesday and spoke with a woman waiting to see her husband. She said that it was easy to book a visit and the minibuses to and from was good. Coincidentally as I left that day, another woman came up to me at the airport staff bus stop. It was her first visit to Brook and she

hadn't been able to find where the mini bus went from either at Gatwick or Brook. We should check what the Visits booker tells people – although it can be confusing to find buses the first time from Gatwick anyway.

Meetings Attended

Director's Meeting 23/8.
Detainee of Interest cancelled.

Upcoming Charter Flights

Dates	Destinations
31 August	Albania
5 September	Pakistan
13 September	Jamaica
20 September	Albania
27 September	Nigeria - Ghana

Outstanding matters to be addressed

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Points to be discussed at the next IMB meeting

IMB

- Gilly – please check on plans for **D2951** /A109 and **D855** /B101 – adults at risk.
- Bullying reports.
- When food/fluid refusal leads to ACDT being opened – after 48 hours.
- SLPs seem to be mainly for health/physical issues (eg asthma, physical disability). Interface of 'adults at risk', ACDTs and SLPs.
- Rota Report template – add Welfare as a heading? In place of Barber Shop?

HOME OFFICE

- D Wing food/fluid refusals.

G4S

- Opening of B and D Wing Yards.
- Internet access status.
- B Wing fax line status.
- B Wing – still sometimes a shortage of mobiles.

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7 July 20

Previous week's Rota IMB Member:
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