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**DPA**

**Week Commencing: 17 July 2017**  
**Rota Visits: 17 and 19 July 2017**

## 1. General Comments

My main visit was on the Monday, but I also visited on the Wednesday, either side of the Board meeting. This enabled me to finish off one of the applications and to visit the three detainees in the CSU who had all been placed on Rule 40 since my Monday visit.

All in all, this was a relatively quiet week with relatively few uses of Rule 40. What was particularly impressive was that most detainees spent relatively little time in the CSU, generally returning to o/l within just a few hours. At unlock on the Monday morning, there was one detainee in the CSU, **D552** who had been placed on Rule 40 the previous day after threats of violence. Early on Monday morning, he was joined by **D3777** and **D1275** who were placed on Rule 40 for fighting. However, **D552** returned to o/l before lunch and the other two detainees were removed from Rule 40 at about 2.30pm. I spoke to them shortly before they left the CSU and they were fine.

On Tuesday morning, **D2034** an E Wing detainee on C/W was placed on Rule 40 for refusing to leave his room, but he remained on E Wing. On Tuesday afternoon, **D3028** climbed onto the netting in A Wing; he quickly got off and walked to E Wing where his behaviour became quite erratic and he had to be restrained. He was located in the CSU on Rule 40. On Tuesday evening, **D131** smashed up the D Wing pool table and was placed on Rule 40 in the CSU.

Early on Wednesday morning, **D3028** was removed from Rule 40 Brook House without problem for a flight. However, later on Wednesday morning, **D1548** and **D2318** were located in the CSU on Rule 40 after a fight. At about 3.00pm, **D131** was removed from Rule 40 and returned to o/l; he was very apologetic for his earlier action. Similarly, by 8.00pm, it was clear that **D1548** and **D2318** had completely calmed down and could safely be returned to o/l. This left the CSU empty and only **D2034** on Rule 40 on E Wing. However, the latter was removed from Rule 40 on the Thursday morning, although he remained in E Wing on C/W.

At lunchtime on Friday, there was a fracas on E Wing when **D1020** threw some food at Mr **D812** who retaliated. Staff intervened and the two detainees walked through to the CSU where they were placed on Rule 40. However, both detainees had calmed down sufficiently to be returned to o/l on the Friday evening.

On Sunday morning, **D3386** was placed on Rule 40 after approaching another detainee on D Wing with a kettle full of boiling water. Staff intervened before he could do anything and Mr **D3386** walked down to the CSU. At this time, he was the only occupant, but he was joined at lunchtime by **D3657** a servery worker on D Wing, who was placed on Rule 40 for disrupting the serving of lunch and spitting at staff. He walked to the CSU. Subsequently, by 8.00pm, Mr **D3386** was assessed as having calmed down sufficiently to return to o/l and he was taken off Rule 40, leaving **D3657** as the sole occupant of the CSU.

There were two applications for the IMB, although one of these was essentially a Home Office matter. On B Wing **D2674** was concerned that the doctor had not referred him for physiotherapy for pain in his right side and leg. I was able to establish from the Healthcare Centre that **D2674** had been prescribed strong painkillers and that the doctor wanted to see if these would be effective before considering physiotherapy, for which there was a long waiting list. I referred this information back to **D2674** and, as a result of our discussion, it was clear to me that he had been under pretty close medical oversight.

The second application came from **D1792** on C Wing who wanted to know what had happened to his request to transfer to Tinsley House. I spoke to Simon Levett who confirmed that the request had been forwarded to Depmu a week previously; he arranged for a reminder to be sent. Again, I conveyed this information to **D1792**

Looking at more general matters, the atmosphere in the establishment seemed good on both the Monday and Wednesday. There was a lot happening on the Activities Corridor and various sporting activities taking place on the exercise yards. On the Monday, I observed the serving of the lunch meal on D Wing which included an excellent Chorizo Pasta Bake. Detainees seemed generally in reasonable spirits, although one Jamaican detainee with whom I spoke was finding it difficult to deal with the uncertainty of his situation. There were no IMB application forms on A and C Wings, and I replenished the stock, but sufficient forms were available on the other three wings. As on my last rota visit in May, I was not impressed by the cleanliness and tidiness of the wing offices. In more than one wing office, there were plastic bowls with food in them – I assume a relic of lunch. And it was almost impossible to find a clear surface on which to make an entry in the ACDT booklets. On A Wing, I picked up some papers to get at an ACDT booklet, only to discover a completed SIR underneath. As I have said previously on this subject, the current state of most wing offices is not acceptable and not conducive to efficient administration. Finally, there were a lot of detainees smoking openly on the wings, including on the ground floors, and in other public areas within the establishment.

## 2. Mandatory Visits

### *Scheduled Wing: D*

<b>ARUN WING</b>	0 Applications	1 ACDT
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I did not spend long in A Wing. The atmosphere in the wing seemed good, but, as mentioned above, the wing office was very untidy.

<b>BECK WING</b>	1 Application	2 ACDTs
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I visited B Wing on both the Monday and Wednesday in order to deal with an application. The wing was clean and, as might be expected, pretty quiet.

<b>CLYDE WING</b>	1 Application	0 ACDTs
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Again, the application from **D1792** meant that I spent more time on C Wing and had a bit of a wander around. The Wing was clean, even the office wasn't too bad, and, once again, there was a good and friendly atmosphere.

<b>DOVE WING</b>	0 Applications	2 ACDTs
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I spent a fair bit of time on D Wing. The Wing itself was fairly clean, including immediately after lunch. This was somewhat in contrast to the wing office which was quite messy. As with other public parts of the establishment, some detainees were smoking quite openly, and not just on the top landing. The atmosphere was good and a group of detainees were enjoying themselves playing pool on the first floor. The Laundry was locked, but I was able to see inside and it looked absolutely spotless. One of the detainees stopped me to say that the ventilation system in his room was still not working properly. Overall, the Wing did not seem too hot to me, but I suspect that any problems will mainly be apparent overnight when the rooms are locked.

<b>EDEN WING</b>	0 Applications	5 ACDTs + 2 C/W
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When I visited on Monday, the C/W review was taking place. I did not speak to **D2034** who remained under his blanket, as he did when I observed him on Wednesday. However, I did

speak to **D3455** who told me that he was ok, albeit that he was remaining on C/W. When I visited on Wednesday, there were three detainees on C/W, with **D2374** being observed in an ordinary room with the door open. Fortunately, **D1573** was removed from C/W and it was possible to move **D2374** into a regular C/W room.

CSU 2 Detainees on Monday  
and 3 Detainees on Wednesday.

When I visited on Monday, I was just in time to speak to **D3777** and **D1275** before they returned to o/l. After being involved in a fight at 9.00am, they had spent only 5.5 hours in the CSU. On Wednesday, I spoke to all three of the detainees in the CSU. They all knew why they had been placed on Rule 40 and all three were very calm and keen to return to o/l. It was no surprise that they were removed from Rule 40 later in the day.

#### HEALTHCARE

I visited Healthcare on the Monday, partly in response to **D2674** application and received some very helpful information. All was well on the day of my visit, but the department was still getting back up to speed after the failure of its computer system the previous week. This had meant reverting to a paper-based system and now staff had to in-put the missing data onto the system. One casualty had been the Rule 35 referrals which had not been processed as normal, with the result that a backlog, now diminishing, had developed.

#### KITCHEN

I had a quick visit to the Kitchen where all was well.

### 3. Optional Visits

#### ACTIVITIES

As usual, it was pretty busy on both the Monday and Wednesday afternoons, with activities going on in most areas and the exercise yards in full use.

#### ART ROOM

This was an absolute hive of activity with the detainees fully engaged and in good spirits.

#### BARBER'S SHOP

Not visited.

#### CHAPLAINCY

I did not visit the Chaplaincy Department.

#### CULTURAL KITCHEN

Not visited.

#### CONTROL ROOM

Not visited.

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## **EDUCATION**

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Not visited, but I had a long conversation with Sebastian as I entered the establishment on Monday. It was difficult to understand precisely what he was saying, but I think that, while pleased by the appointment of an additional teacher, he was concerned that they still had to operate in a single classroom which created some difficulties. As I understood it, any additional facilities would not become available until the outcome of the current bid process became known.

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## **GYM**

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The Gym was very busy on both days that I visited, but, certainly on the Wednesday, it was very quiet ... there was no music!

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## **IT SUITE**

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As usual, the IT Rooms were pretty much fully utilised.

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## **LIBRARY**

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I didn't visit the Library, but I did observe it on the Wednesday afternoon when it was very quiet.

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## **RECEPTION / DISCHARGE**

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I went through the Discharge area on several occasions over the two days and it was either empty or had only one or two detainees waiting to go out. I left the establishment through Reception on the Wednesday afternoon and just two detainees were being processed, with none in the waiting area.

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## **SECURITY**

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Not visited.

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## **SHOP**

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The Shop was pretty quiet when I passed by on the Monday, but, on Wednesday afternoon, I observed the longest queue – a good 15 detainees – that I have ever witnessed at this location. Fortunately, the waiting detainees were well-behaved and everyone seemed pretty relaxed.

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## **G4S AND IMMIGRATION OFFICES**

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Nothing significant to report. However, I had a lot of help from Simon who provided background information for the two applications.

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## **VISIT CENTRE**

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Not visited.

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## **VISITS HALL**

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Not visited.



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**WELFARE**

Not visited, but there was a significant number of detainees trying to access this department from the Activity Corridor and not entirely pleased at being prevented from going in.

**4. Upcoming Charter Flights**

Dates	Destinations
25 July – TCU	Germany
3 August – Operation Aardvark	Albania
9 August – Operation Monroe	Pakistan
23 August – Operation Majestic Gardner	Nigeria/Ghana
31 August – Operation Aardvark	Albania
5 September – Operation Monroe	Pakistan

**5. Outstanding matters to be addressed**

- Nil

**6. Points to be discussed at the next IMB meeting**

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**IMB**

- Nil

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**HOME OFFICE**

- Nil

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**G4S**

- Once again, what will be done to improve the state of the wing offices? (Page 2)
- What action is being taken to counter smoking within the establishment? (Page 2)

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24 July 2017

Previous week's Rota IMB Member:  
**Louise Gledhill**

Next Week's Rota IMB Member:  
**Gilly Gajdatsy**