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Week Commencing: 11-Dec-17  
Rota Visit(s): 12, 14 and 15<sup>th</sup>

## 1. Executive Summary

On Tuesday, there were 334 men at unlock, with 27 single occupancies.

A quieter week than others recently in terms of rule 40 and use of force, but staff shortages still noticeable both for impact on staff and their workload and reduction in some activities for detainees. On Tuesday night, available on-site staff were further reduced by the need for six officers to accompany two detainees for hospital emergencies. There were also constant watches on E Wing for much of the week and some challenges handling arrivals early in the week due to bed shortages.

On a positive note, the bed shortage seem to have eased by the end of the week and the Albanian charter went well on Wednesday morning. The C Wing works were completed on Tuesday and I saw detainees from D Wing being moved across that afternoon. Wing forum meetings for groups of 10 detainees at still ongoing and advertised. Healthcare might be included in them in future.

There is [redacted] **D4781** on constant watch on E Wing who is not considered fit for detention, but as of Sunday efforts were still being made for an appropriate relocation for him to Liverpool.

There was one Polish man [redacted] **D2987** to be released after the High Court decision making it illegal to pick up and deport rough sleepers from EU countries. There were some issues in releasing him - understandably he didn't want to go back to being homeless, but he also didn't want to go back to Poland. As he was no longer lawfully detained, force couldn't be used on him.

It was busier than usual for Apps from detainees - six formal and numerous ad hoc. Two were for lost property (legal documents). One of the Apps from a [redacted] **D3287** actually involved three complaints against Healthcare and two against G4S, alleging racism and discrimination and lack of care (all in Bulgarian). As agreed, I gave a heads-up to Heena in HO and Sara Edwards the Duty Director on Friday.

Mark, the new Head of Safeguarding has started - I met him at different meetings.

## 2. Serious Incidents

None

## 3. Rule 40/42 and Use of Force

A call on Tuesday evening to advise [redacted] **D3429** was off r40 (he had been on/off for nearly a week for different reasons), and to advise of use of force on [redacted] **D356**

[redacted] **D356** was due for no notice RDs to Somalia on Wednesday and was to be moved wings in preparation due to previous issues. The Oscar described it as a difficult move with one officer being hurt with soft tissue damage to his neck. I saw the camera footage later in the week at the Use of Force Scrutiny meeting and it was clearly difficult for everyone. To my inexperienced eye, Mr [redacted] **D356** resisted mightily and the force used did not seem unreasonable in the circumstances. However the move seemed very protracted to me and with this possibly due to the inexperience of the first C&R team, thus making a more extended experience for [redacted] **D356** and others involved. A second C&R team came in and he was eventually walked down on rule 40, but placed in E Wing rather than CSU. His RDs eventually failed - he had a ligature around his neck, tin can lid at his throat and blades in his mouth. After he came off r40, he remained on restricted association. See under E Wing below for an App he made to me later on Friday.

On Wednesday evening there was the call to advise that minimal use of force had been used on [D4781] to prevent him self-harming and that he was taken to hospital with three officers accompanying for constant watch. He had been brought from Manchester with a suitable escort for an interview with the Gambian embassy, and exhibited unusual behaviour from arrival, even in the van. Soon after being put on E Wing, he was observed drinking his own urine and from the toilet and then banging his head against the wall and trying to bite his fingers off. He had arrived with no medication, but it was believed to be drug induced psychosis. Further use of force was used at the hospital. He returned to the Centre on Thursday and force was used again on Friday and Saturday nights to prevent self-harm. See under E Wing.

Separately, three other officers had to accompany [D4783] to hospital as he had made deep cuts to his arm with glass from a coffee pot.

I was also informed on Thursday about a minor use of force made on [D3286] the previous day.

On Sunday afternoon, calls to advise of r40 for Messrs [D4783] and [D3314] from the same room and threatened assault on an officer there. Police informed. Both men walked to CSU. But force had to be used in moving [D3303] to a suitable escort with Tascor for transfer to Morton Hall.

#### 4. Residential Wings

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<b>ARUN WING</b>	0 Applications	1	ACDTs	2 SLPs
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No particular issues, although some rubbish bags at back door on first level near showers burst or overflowing on one visit. Baize is wrecked on pool table near showers.

<b>BECK WING</b>	2 Applications	2	ACDTs	1 SLPs
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I was on this Wing a number of times, including lunch. It always seemed calm and settled. A detainee complained to me that officers weren't enforcing the no smoking rule and it was having a negative effect on him and others.

Did a Language Line call with [D3287] in Visits corridor so I could understand what his five Apps (in Bulgarian) were about. As a result, converted them to formal Complaints.

<b>CLYDE WING</b>	0 Applications	0	ACDTs	0 SLPs
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I checked it on Tuesday morning before it reopened after the works. All the rooms were freshly painted with new curtains on windows and across the toilet doors and it looked like quite a bit of furniture had been replaced. A new brush/dustpan and loo brush in every room. The toilets had been cleaned and looked a lot better, but as had been forewarned, they will not come up spotless again.

<b>DOVE WING</b>	2 Applications	3	ACDTs	5 SLPs
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I visited on Tuesday morning, but later closed for works. Apps, ACDTs etc are probably now on D Wing. A man was smoking at bottom of the main stairs and I had to ask the nearby DCO to request him to stop.

<b>EDEN WING</b>	0 Applications	2	ACDTs	1 SLPs
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The recently damaged computer, phone and fax machine were all finally replaced by Thursday. I thought there was a strong and not pleasant smell of paint coming from work being done in CSU, but no one was complaining.

Spoke with [D3429] who had been in CSU for so long. He engaged well, but said that he had heard voices in his head before which had made him stay in CSU/not want to mix.



[D4781] came back from hospital on Thursday afternoon but was asleep when I checked. Attended his Friday morning ACDT review, but it didn't happen then as it wasn't possible to engage with him. I saw him later that day - he was crying and cowered under the table in his room, saying someone was coming to get him. With the nurse, coaxed him out onto his bed, but it was not possible to have a conversation with him. Yet at about 4 pm on Friday, he was engaging well with a DCO. Calls from the Oscar on Saturday and Sunday suggested his behaviour had regressed. The delay in releasing him is due to problems of first getting an address from him and then checking it out - there might be police issues. Hopefully it will be resolved on Monday and he will be released.

I spoke with [D356] on Friday afternoon after he handed me an App about why he was continuing to be denied free association, although he is off rule 40. He also said he had not been getting fresh air. I spoke with Home Office/Heena later on Friday and called Alec on Saturday morning. As he is to go to Somalia, it seems unlikely there will be a removal in the current window, so he should come off restrictions - but the official word needs to come from elsewhere in Home Office. Again, hopefully on Monday. In any event, he should be getting fresh air and I asked Alec to raise this with the Oscar when they met later on Saturday morning.

CSU	Detainees	Rule 40	Rule 42
No one in on the day I visited and the inundation point fitting and other work was going on. If it had been needed, one room was available then.			

## 5. Mandatory Visits

### HEALTHCARE

Covered for Jackie at the Gatwick IRCs Strategic Partnership Board meeting, plus a visit for help on an App on how to get a DNA sample needed for evidence. I also spoke with the nurses when on E Wing about [D4781]

One topic at the meeting was the effect of an increase in number of requests for rule 35 appointments (often from solicitors), and the impact this was having on the availability of regular appointments. There was a discussion and I was pleased that the BH GP who was there was clear that their policy was to take r35 appointments regardless of who had requested. In particular, he noted that while a detainee might say "no" to the torture question at Reception, "torture" is so widely defined that an open mind should be kept about later requests by or for detainees as they come to understand the question more. They have increased the slots available and it is usually only a two day wait now. However, if the volume continues, it might mean a need to look at the contract terms for non-rule 35 appointments and the possibility of delays there.

Sandra and Michael were quite positive about recent recruiting, with the time for clearances being the usual issue.

### KITCHEN

Stopped in briefly. Brian Harrison had become ill suddenly and was off for a week, so the senior chef seemed a bit harried. Food in preparation for the evening meal looked of good quality.

## 6. Other Areas and Activities

### BARBER'S SHOP / GYM

No issues, with the gym busy.

### CHAPLAINCY / RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

Attended the Christmas carols service in Visits. As others have reported for prior years, I found it very uplifting - some people come in from outside churches to play music and lead the singing - the music is so loud that you/I can sing off-key at top voice and no one will hear you. Lee gave a good welcoming talk on the need to support and look out for each other.

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The mosque looks bright and fresh after painting and with its new carpet.

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**CULTURAL KITCHEN**

Closed.

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**CONTROL ROOM / OSCAR / SECURITY OFFICE**

Daily visits to Oscar for paperwork and status. Two stops at Security to lodge SIRs for door of Ladies opposite IMB office being found open on different days.

I went to the Security Meeting and Use of Force Scrutiny.

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**EDUCATION / ART ROOM / MUSIC ROOM**

Stopped in at Education and spoke with the teacher. I later spoke with Sebastian and Sara from the Art Room.

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**HOME OFFICE**

Several stops for help with queries from detainees.

No issues from r35 cases on whiteboard.

Spoke with Liz O'Brien about the Pre-departure Team work. There are quite a lot of new faces in the office and I met some of them (as well as the familiar Simon in his new role).

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**LIBRARY / IT SUITES**

LIBRARY. Very quiet when I was in.

IT SUITES. Stopped in on different days and there were positive reports from both staff and detainees. One detainee (maybe an IT orderly?) was going through a list of blocked sites to see what they were and if some shouldn't be unblocked. For example one of the visiting law firm sites was blocked, the other not. Similarly, some NGOs were blocked. He said that the list was to go to Steve Skitt to look at. A good idea to help on some of the questions we've had on access.

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**RECEPTION / DISCHARGE**

On Monday, men had waited in Tascor van from about 12.30 to 4/4.30pm, when they were brought into arrivals ahead of check-in. Three were eventually diverted to Tinsley at 8pm. The delay was due to bed shortage. Due to reduced beds available in the estate generally (with one wing of Brook closed and the Verne starting to empty out), which meant that even a few failed removals/Tascor no pickups could suddenly leave no free beds at Brook. There were some complaints about DEPMU management not helping the situation. There was also an Albanian charter on Wednesday morning, which meant extra arrivals.

I checked with detainees each time I went through later in the week - no issues.

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**SHOP**

Short queues and quiet.

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**VISIT CENTRE / HALL**

Did not visit other than for Christmas carols service.

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**OTHER ACTIVITIES AND AREAS**

WELFARE: I did not see the long queues waiting as on previous rotas.

LEGAL AID: Early in the week, there was only a two day wait for appointments. This is the shortest I've known and is positive, especially with Christmas public holidays approaching.

CINEMA ROOM: Had been out of action for a while. Juls said that there had been damage when it was being used as a temporary mosque. It was working again by the end of the week and could

be a good outlet/activity during winter. I was told by others that they had been up to 30 men there at a time, with an officer present.

OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES: Residential staff still need to cover the yards, so yards still have overall reduced opening times but it should be less of an issue during winter. Due to staff shortages, there have been no organised activities for some time.

## 7. Meetings Attended

None	Date:
Detainee of Interest, Security, Healthcare and Use of Force Scrutiny.	

## 8. Points to be discussed at the next IMB meeting

G4S	1. Status on recruiting and increasing staff numbers. 2. For how long will the yards need to be supervised? 3. Activities: cinema access/availability? No organised yard activities and cultural kitchen remains closed. 4. Enforcing no smoking rule.
G4S	Positive - only two-day wait for legal aid appointment.
IMB	1. What to do when you lose a detainee's App... 2. Next charter 19/12 to Pakistan and 4/1/18 to Albania.

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