

4. I have been shown an email exchange between Nic Eadie (former Director of GDWG) and Christopher Milliken of G4S in February 2016 (HOM0332156) and have read Nic's statement to the Inquiry. I was not aware at the time that Nic had sent the email saying he agreed to the terms of the draft MOU. I am surprised that he did this because I remember there was a concern at GDWG that Brook House managers were trying to limit our work. However, I appreciate that Nic will have been worried about losing the drop-in sessions altogether, particularly because they were suspended in 2013, so I can see that he may have thought it better to agree to the terms of the MOU and hope that G4S would be reasonable in allowing second visits. My understanding is that the MOU was never signed, and I have never found a signed copy of the MOU in GDWG files.

Current Position

5. I mentioned in my Third Statement to the Inquiry that I had a meeting with Dan Haughton, Assistant Director of Safeguarding of Serco at Gatwick IRC, on 16 December 2021, during which he indicated that Serco would enable GDWG to hold drop-in or surgery sessions in Brook House and Tinsley House in the library or outside the gym, and would support certain GDWG staff to gain clearance to have keys to come on site at the IRCs unaccompanied without booked slots. The current Centre Director, Steve Hower, had previously worked at Yarl's Wood where the visitors group had keys to the centre and unaccompanied access around the centre. I do not know the current position at Yarl's Wood. Dan Haughton also indicated that Serco would invite GDWG to Safer Community Meetings. After that meeting, on the same day, he sent a draft MOU between Serco and GDWG to cover these matters. A copy of his email and the draft MOU are exhibited to this statement at pages 1 to 5 of the exhibit bundle 'AMP3'. The yellow highlighting on the draft MOU is Mr Haughton's – as he explains in his email, he was highlighting the matters he and I had discussed.
6. Following that meeting GDWG were invited to the monthly Safer Community Meetings and our Senior Advocacy Co-ordinator, Karris Hamilton, attended those