

USE OF FORCE

Minimum Auditable Requirements

Standard

In accordance with Rule 41 of the DC Rules 2001, when the application of force is deemed necessary, no more force than necessary will be applied.

- 1** The Centre will ensure that force is used only when necessary to keep a detainee in custody, to prevent violence, to prevent destruction of the property of the removal centre or of others and to prevent detainees from seeking to prevent their own removal physically or physically interfering with the lawful removal of another detainee.
- 2** Force will only be used as a measure of last resort and strictly within the terms of Rule 41 of the Detention Centre Rules 2001.
- 3** If handcuffs are used as part of use of force Detention Services Order 1/2002 must be adhered to.
- 4** The Centre will use and purchase training for control and restraint techniques from the Prison Service for England and Wales. Advance training should be carried out by the Prison Service training establishments for England and Wales. Basic training may be carried out by the Centre's own instructors provided that they have been trained and currently certified by the Prison Service for England and Wales.
- 5** Use of force must only be applied by members of staff who have undertaken necessary training.
- 6** In the event of force being used, the Centre must ensure that detainees are seen by a member of the healthcare team as soon as practicable.
- 7** The Centre must have a system for recording all incidents where use of force is applied and to monitor that use. Where use of handcuffs is planned in advance and the detainee does not resist, this should not be recorded under use of force.

REFERENCES:
Detention Centre Rules 2001

Detention Services Order 1/2002
(Guidance on the use of handcuffs)

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