

BROOK HOUSE INQUIRY

Second Witness Statement of David Aldis

I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 31 March 2022.

I, **David Aldis**, will say as follows:

1. At paragraph 88 of my first statement I addressed the use of force incident involving detainee D52 on 22 May 2017.
 - (a) As stated in my first statement, I do not recall this incident. I have reviewed the footage again. It appears that I was wearing the body worn camera up until around 8.49. I then hand it to another colleague. This may have been DCM Brackenridge but I cannot be sure.
 - (b) The inquiry has asked me to provide a full explanation as to how the camera became covered from approximately 7.06 to 8.49, and why it was covered. I cannot recall this incident and, therefore, I do not know how or why the camera was covered. I do recall that, during the relevant period, the cameras had twistable heads. The head of the camera may have twisted when I passed it to a colleague.
 - (c) I handed the camera to a colleague, possibly DCM Brackenridge, at the point that force was initiated. During the relevant period, there was a limited number of body worn cameras and, therefore, not every DCM had one. Although I cannot recall the incident, I probably handed the camera to a colleague who was less likely to be involved in the incident. This would enable them to video the incident much clearer than me.
 - (d) The inquiry has queried whether I directed officers to use force against D52. If so, I have been asked to explain why such a direction cannot be heard on the footage of the incident. Although I cannot recall the incident, I am confident that I did direct officers to use force against D52. As mentioned in my first statement, I am not aware of any specific way and/or

term that is used when commencing C&R. Sometimes, detainees will be told verbally that the use of force will be applied. On other occasions, depending on the detainee's behaviour, the lead officer may motion for other officers to commence the use of force. On this occasion, I cannot recall the way in which I directed officers to use force against D52. I may have directed the use of force verbally, but which was not picked up on the recording. Alternatively, I may have, for example, used a hand gesture or a 'nod' of the head. I cannot be sure either way,

<u>Statement of Truth</u>		
<p>I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.</p> <p>I am content for this witness statement to form part of the evidence before the Brook House Inquiry and to be published on the Inquiry's website.</p>		
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Date	04/04/22	