

around 5pm I was removed from Brook House. I believe this was to obscure my chances of being granted bail.

5. At around 5pm on that day, I was in the cell with D1851 when the door was pushed wide open. There were heavily armed guards and also members of staff named 'The Suitable Crew'. There were around 11 of them there to remove me from the cell. They grabbed me as if I was being a threat to them. Before they came into the room they were speaking to D1851. They asked him to stand by the side of the door however, he informed them that the way the door opens would result in the heavy metal door hitting him. I am able to confirm that the metal door had in fact caused damage to the wall because it was that heavy. In my opinion, given that we had seen how forceful immigration officers could be it was entirely reasonable for him to have taken this stance. I am also able to confirm that D1851 informed the immigration officers very politely that he would instead sit on his bed and allow them to enter the room. They however, barged into the room and pinned him down. The immigrating officers were big and tall, D1851 was of no threat and certainly did not need two large immigration officers forcefully pinning him down.
6. I noticed they had also pinned down D1851 to his bed. I could hear him screaming. He kept shouting at them to leave him alone. They just ignored him and carried on trying to remove me from the cell.
7. The guards proceeded to hit me with their batons and their shields. I was screaming asking them to leave me alone.
8. There was a doctor and a nurse watching them do this to me. I had asked for an appointment to see a doctor on site before this happened and I was told I would have to wait for around 2 weeks. Yet when they wanted to forcefully remove me, they were casually available.
9. I sustained numerous injuries following this incident including swelling to my knee and ankle. For a number of months, I had consistent pins and needles from them hitting my knee repeatedly. I also suffered with migraines due to the incident being so horrific.
10. The way the staff treated both myself and D1851 during this incident was evil.

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The fact that there was a Doctor and a Nurse watching made it even more menacing.

11. Following my detention at Brook House, I was diagnosed with severe depression and PTSD with psychotic symptoms. I now need to take numerous different medications on a regular basis. I am also currently undergoing therapy to help me manage my conditions.
12. The trauma of this particular experience still lives with me. I still have flashbacks and shivers when I remember how I was treated. I am sure [D1851] suffers from the same. I struggle to discuss my time detained at Brook House. It causes me to have flashbacks which bring me great hurt and anger. As part of my therapy, I am supposed to refrain from discussing the memories that cause my symptoms to worsen.
13. I would like to add that the conditions in the detention centre did not allow for someone to feel safe. The general conditions of the cells were poor. The environment was also not good as drugs were readily available and regularly taken by detainees. These conditions affected everyone in the detention centre.

I confirm that the contents of this statement are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, belief and understanding.

Signed.....

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