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04.06	HW	Right. Okay. Let me just ask you, I've obviously taken into account what you said about the previous reason why you didn't want move on the previous account, because of your brother and you told me about your nan; and I've got all that information. But I understand from records that during that period of time, so just before the move on 13 th May, that you were ...you'd made a threat to the Substance Misuse Team about wanting to kill yourself. And that's when you went on the ACDT form ...
	D687	Yeah.
	HW	...on 5 th May. Now, I also understand that you were ...about the build up to this you were under the influence of something ...
	D687	Oh. Spice.
	HW	Yeah.
	D687	Legal high. Yeah.
	HW	Yes.
	D687	There's loads of legal highs in the place. Yeah?
	HW	Have you used that?
	D687	Well, I was looking for a way of escaping ...well, the reality of what I was living in. Yeah?
	HW	Uh huh.
	D687	And the way I've been treated. And the way the Government like ...I don't know how to say, yeah? But the way the Home Office, the people that are supposed to look after you, were treating me, like I'm not ...I'm like worse than an animal. So I said to myself 'Do you know what? I don't get ...' ...I've never used Spice. I don't ...they're not ...I don't use no drugs, nothing like this, yeah, on the outside. I don't take drugs. I don't smoke Cannabis. I don't ...I don't to LSD. I don't do Cocaine. I don't do Crack. I don't do none of this stuff like. Do you know what I mean? I'm a clean guy like. You can check if you don't ...I'll do a blood test right now, it'll come out clean. Yeah?
05.27	HW	But you were taking that in the Centre then?
	D687	In the Centre. Yeah. And who was providing it? It's the staff that was getting it in. Do you know what I mean? How is the stuff getting in? The staff was bringing it in. They would give it to another inmate. The inmate would sell it to other inmates. That's how it works. This is how the procedure works.
	HW	Right.

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06.07	D687	If this inmates fucks up, they'll move him out on a fake charge and they'll give it to another inmate to sell it. Yeah? And basically the officer will get the inmate to put ...£300 yeah, to put in his account, then he'll bring the stuff in up front. Yeah?
	HW	Okay.
	D687	That's how they do it. Yeah. I'm not lying to you.
	HW	Well, I wouldn't ...
	D687	I think I told you like. His name is Ginger. He's the one that was bringing it in like. Do you know what I mean? He probably still works there.
	HW	He was called 'Ginger'?
	D687	Yeah. Ginger. I don't know his name like. And he's got ginger hair and that. He's a short guy. If I saw his face on here right now on the thing, I can show you. Do you know what I mean?
	HW	Did he work ...? Was he working on your Wing?
07.01	D687	Yeah. He ...not on my Wing. He works in the library. But everyone's got access to the library. Do you know what I mean? He was always there like. And it got on top a little bit. So he said "Oh, I'm not bringing it in no more. Like I've been watched and that." Then after a couple of weeks and that he started bringing it in again. Do you know what I mean? And he wasn't the only officer that was bringing it in. There's other officers and that like doing deals and like saying "Look, I'll bring it in. You put money on my account. I'll bring you a phone. I'll bring you everything." Do you know what I mean? Like a camera phone and that you're not allowed. He'll bring that in. Do you know what I mean?
	HW	Yes.
	D687	You have to pay like a certain amount of money. Like £300, £400. Then you sell it for £800. This is what was going on in Brook House. It's still going on probably 'til today, now like. Even now.
	HW	So how ...if you can answer that, how was that being dealt with by managers in Brook House? The fact that that ...?
	D687	They turned a blind eye. That's how that's been dealt with like. They pretend like it's not happening like. Like when you ...like if you said "Oh the officer's doing this or that." They'd be like "No way like. My officers can't be doing that." Do you know what I mean? They'll believe their own kind, instead of believing the inmate. If I stood up and say "Look, this officer's dealing drugs" or "He's bringing in phones", they'll say "Oh, we don't believe you." Do you know what I mean? They'll believe him. He'll say "No. There's no truth in it." Who are you going to believe? Somebody that has never committed a crime, somebody that has never got out of line or somebody that's got out of line? Obviously you're going to believe somebody that's ...
	HW	Okay.
	D687	...do you know what I mean?
	HW	Alright.
	D687	That's never been out of line.
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33.27	D687	Yeah. There's even women. Not just men. There's women. For example, this lady she told me to "Fuck off back to your country. Fucking bang up you fucking foreign national or I'll fucking get the manager and that to threaten you." I said "You know what? Furthermore, I'm not banging up. You piss off. Do you know what I mean? You sod." Yeah? That's what I said to my manager.
	HW	Is that the one from 2016?
	D687	Yeah. So she reported it. She said "Oh" I've "been abusive." Yes?
	HW	Yeah.
	D687	She go and reported it to them. Yeah? But the Home Office said "Oh, he's been abusive to the staff and that." But nobody's understanding what I ...what provoked me to be abusive to her. Do you see what I'm saying?
	HW	Yes.
	D687	There's always two sides in the story.
	HW	Oh. Yes.
	D687	Do you know what I mean?
	HW	Yes.
34.02	D687	She just gave her side of the story. So I when I went for bail. Yeah? This is what happened. The Judge said to me "Oh, you've been abusive to staff and that. Your behaviour has not been good. You're taking drugs." Do you know what I mean? Why am I taking drugs? I don't take life to legal highs.
	HW	I note what you said about that.
	D687	I haven't took legal highs before I went into the system, yeah? I've learned this in the system. The whole system ...there's more drugs inside than outside. Outside I can stay away from it. But inside, you can't stay away from it. Your next door; the neighbours doing it. Your room mate's doing it. If you move cells, your other room mate's doing it. If he's not doing that, he's doing brown cocaine, whatever.
	HW	And I understand what you've told me about that, that that was happening and the managers ...
	D687	It's flooded with drugs. Let me tell you this now, you go and tell your people, yeah? It's the whole system, yeah? There's people that are working for the system that are bringing in drugs, yeah?
	HW	Yeah.
	D687	They're using other people, yeah? And get this sorted out as well, because this is important. This people's lives at risk.
	HW	D687 what you've told me about the drugs, I will obviously feed that back separately because that is important that that needs to be referred up for somebody to look at that. So that's ...
	D687	There are people now working for the Home Office yeah? They are using inmates, yeah? To sell their drugs and that so they can pay their mortgage and whatnot, yeah? Some of them are behind on their mortgage and stuff, yeah? I swear to God, yeah? This is what that other guard did. He was behind on his mortgage and that. So he said "Yeah. Let me earn the quick money and that."

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35.03	D687	So he charged ...
	HW	Do you mean the guy called "Ginger"?
	D687	Yeah.
	HW	Yep.
	D687	He would charge £300 every parcel, yeah? I don't know if you know what 'parcel' means, yeah?
	HW	Uh huh.
	D687	But yeah ...you know what 'parcel' means init?
	HW	I've got a rough guess. I don't really want to go into details. But I've got an idea ...
	D687	Basically a 'package' yeah?
	HW	Yeah.
	D687	A 'package'; it could be like an ounce, two ounce, whatever ...
	HW	Yeah.
	D687	...but you just have to give him three bills, he'll bring you a phone and he'll bring you the parcel. That's how it works, yeah?
	HW	Now, I know you ...
	D687	And these people that are working for the Home Office. Yeah? They're working for you guys, yeah? They're supposed to behave professionally, yeah?
	HW	Yeah.
	D687	They're not behaving professionally like. They're doing whatever they want to suit their own game.
	HW	And as I said what I will do is I will flag that up, because that needs to be looked at separately.
	D687	Well, it needs to be looked at.
	HW	Yeah.
	D687	It needs to be stopped like.
	HW	Exactly.
	D687	Do you know what I mean?
	HW	Exactly.
	D687	Like for example like people say "Oh, I'm taking drugs this and that." How are the drugs? How am I ...? I'm in ...I'm locked up. I'm in a cell. How am I getting drugs in? My family's not coming to bring me drugs. My visitors don't come to get me drugs. How am I getting drugs in? The officers are bringing in the drugs and they're saying "Alright then, you lot want to kill yourself, yeah? Alright, here mate, you kill yourself, you do it, it's even better for us, one less body to deal with." Exactly. This is what the officers have told us you know?
	HW	And who said that to you?
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