

A Checklist for IRC Medical Notes

The following points can be established in most cases from IRC medical notes by lay readers. Almost all the data can be recorded in Y/N, date, or number form. In many cases, auditing these data will facilitate better-informed decisions about the feasibility of legal challenges. Each stay in an IRC should be coded separately. If you are not sure a Forrest opinion may be useful.

1 Nurse admission clerking (NAC)

	<u>Answers</u>
a. Name of centre	text
b. Date of detention (this centre)	dd/mm/yy / /.....
c. Out of hours? If 00:00-06:00h, specify time	Y/N mm/hh /
d. Interpreter needed? If Y, was one provided	Y/N Y/N
e. Rule 34 exam offered? If not accepted or kept, were reasons followed up?	Y/N Y/N
f. Was "torture question" answer recorded If Y, was R35 exam offered	Y/N Y/N
g. Date of detention (this centre) dd/mm/yy	
h. Other _____	

2 Rule 34 examination by a doctor

a. Did it occur within 24 hours of detention? If N, when did it occur?	Y/N Never or dd/mm/yy / /.....
b. If Y, was an Interpreter needed? If Y was one provided	Y/N Y/N
c. Was a vulnerability identified and acted upon? If Y, was R35 arranged	Y/N Y/N
d. Was medication prescribed?	Y/N
e. Were necessary investigations arranged?	Y/N
f. Was there a referral (eg to RMN, MDT meeting, secondary care)	Y/N
g. Were outside GP notes sought	Y/N
h. Other _____	

3 Rule 35 examination and report (R35)

a. Interpreter needed? If Y was one provided	Y/N Y/N
b. What type of report (<i>please circle applicable option</i>)? i. R35 (1) – detention medically/psychologically harmful ii. R35 (2) – suicidality (was detainee on suicide watch?) iii. R35 (3) – "torture"	1 2 3
c. Is history accurately recorded? (cf SEF, WS)	Y/N
d. i. Is there a body map? ii. If Y, is it accurate?	Y/N Y/N
e. Medical opinion expressed (medical harm, suicide, torture)?	Y/N
f. Was report read back to detainee (+ interpreter if needed) } for their informed consent? }	Y/N
g. Date of submission	dd/mm/yy / /.....
h. Time from detention to R35 report	days
i. Initiation of report by: (delete as appropriate) Torture Q at NAC/ Other detainee / Lawyer /Other	
j. Comments _____	

4 Home Office response to Rule 35 report (HOR R35)

a. Date of response Working days since report supplied	dd/mm/yy / /..... (days)
b. Evidence accepted as	level 2 / level 3

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- c. Reasons for non-release _____
- d. Refusal letter – is it:
- i. In medical notes? Y/N
 - ii. signed by doctor? Y/N
 - iii. responded to by doctor? Y/N
- e. Did detainee and doctor discuss refusal? Y/N
- Is detainee satisfied with that consultation? Y/N
- f. Comments _____

5 Other:

- a1. IS91 RA Part C? Y/N
- a2. If Y, date: dd/mm/yy / /.....
- b1. MDT meetings Y/N
- b2. If Y, how many _____
- b3. If Y, date of first? dd/mm/yy / /.....
- c1. Referrals Y/N
- c2. If Y, how many*? no.
- d1. date of first? dd/mm/yy / /.....
- d2. why? _____
- d3.to whom? _____
- e1 Are external medical letters in notes Y/N
- e2 If Y, date of first dd/mm/yy / /.....
- f. Hunger strike Y/N
- g. Comments _____

6 Release arrangements:

- a. Medical notes or letter supplied to patient Y/N
- b. Prescribed medication supplied to patient Y/N
- c. Registration with new GP facilitated Y/N
- d. Other _____

*[*if more than one, please add details of others in the space below, or on a separate sheet]*

- A 1. Legal firm
2. Representative
3. Legal org. unique identifier
- B. 1. Medical organisation
2. Clinician
3. Medical org. unique identifier

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