

Petitioner submission of 7 October 2022

PE1900/I: Access to prescribed medication for detainees in police custody

I told NHS Grampian via Moray Drug and Alcohol that my son was very disturbed, I offered to take him to a place of safety.

A welfare visit was arranged but I was not informed. A welfare check should be nothing to worry about. Instead it became a traumatic siege with damage to property, you would think the removal of the disturbed person would be compassionate, instead he was the victim of an assault and shackling, then flung into a van.

You would expect the police to take you to the custody suite for a short time, but the reality is that he was stripped naked, my son believed he was going to be raped and thrown into cell. He was seen by a nurse once in his cell, he lay in that cell for 24 hrs plus, this is despite Ward 4 being less than 1 mile away.

Then cuffed and off to court, where he was charged under section 38 breach of the peace, that amazingly he was told to walk to ward 4 and book himself in as a voluntary patient.

Detainees are daily treated as beasts, they are given unlicensed medication without consent.

Why is there no political will in Scotland to stop this barbaric treatment of detainees? They are not animals. Police Scotland are investigating, Moray Council now have investigated and found they were not informed of the "Welfare visit".

When as a young man in basic training at Royal Air Force Swinderby, a Chaplain spoke these words on ethics and morality. These words stayed with me for 50 years, yes it was my son's problem which highlighted the problem, a problem we all need to correct.

You cannot be democratic and discriminate.

"First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Socialist.

Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Trade Unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.”
— Martin Niemöller