

Food and Fluid Refusal Interview Record

(to be completed at the first interview following commencement of food/fluid refusal;
then as required at regular intervals during the refusal)

Date:	
Time i/v commenced:	
Name of interviewing officer:	
Name of interviewee:	
Name of witness:	
Name of others present:	
Name of healthcare professional present:	
Interpreter used? Yes/No	
Interpreter's details:	

	QUESTION	RESPONSE
1.	What language would you like to be interviewed in? (If <u>not</u> English – do you understand the interpreter?)	
2.	<u>Introduction</u> Hello. My name is ***** and I work at ***** as a contact management officer. I need to talk to you today because you have said that you wish to/have started to refuse food and/or fluids. I will ask you a question and record your answer straight away. There may be gaps in my questions where I am recording answers and questions. Please be clear when answering my questions. If you do not understand a question or you would like me to repeat anything I say then please ask. At the end of the interview I will read the interview record back to you and ask you to sign it to confirm it is an accurate record of what you have	

	said.	
3.	Are you prepared to be interviewed today?	
4.	Why have you started a food and/or fluid refusal? <i>(Ask further questions as appropriate to establish facts and record action you agree to undertake)</i>	
5.	Do you have any concerns or issues at present which you wish to discuss? * (see below)	
6.	I want to let you know that you can make a request to see Healthcare at any time if you have concerns about your general health or the effect that your food and/fluid refusal might have on you. Details of any conversation you have with Healthcare staff will remain confidential unless you give your consent to share it. Do you understand?	
7.	Do you understand that the fact that you are currently refusing food and fluid will not lead to the progress of your immigration or asylum case being delayed or halted?	
8.	Do you understand that the fact that you are currently refusing food and fluid will not automatically lead to your release from detention?	
9.	Do you understand that the fact that you are currently refusing food and fluid will not necessarily lead to your removal directions being deferred?	
10.	Do you understand that the fact that you are currently refusing food and fluid will not lead to you being granted permission to stay in the UK?	
11.	Are you in touch with family and/or friends? Do you need any help to get in touch with anyone?	
12.	If you are in touch with family members please provide next of kin details.	
13.	<i>If appropriate:</i> I am giving you this letter now which is a written explanation of the impact of your food and/or fluid refusal on your case.	

	<i>(Read through, translating as appropriate)</i>	
14.	Are you still feeling fit and well? (If appropriate – see Q 1)	
15.	Did you understand all the questions?	
16.	Are you satisfied with the conduct of the interview?	
17.	Are there any questions you would like to ask me?	
18.	Is there anything further you wish to add?	
	Conclusion of interview	Time i/v concluded:
	Signed: (Person being interviewed)	
	Signed: (interviewing officer)	Signed: (second HO officer)

*This is to establish whether the detainee has a grievance/issue/complaint which requires resolution

Q &A continuation sheet		
Question no.		Answer
	Signed: (interviewing officer)	Signed: (second HO officer)