

GFM SAQ

Management of a Terrorist Suspect in Detention

Name of question writer	Demonstration GFM SAQ
Date question is finished	
Main topic areas covered	Management of a terrorist suspect in detention.
Total number of available marks	29
Scenario theme	
Main body of question (with model answer)	
Stretch element (to challenge and help identify the best candidates), if any	
QUESTION & MODEL ANSWERS:	
<p>You are asked to attend the local custody office in order to carry out an initial assessment of a 22 year old Muslim woman. She is a UK citizen, who was arrested under the Terrorism Act 2006 at a major airport in the UK earlier that day.</p> <p>You are also told that it is believed that she has recently been in Syria and also possibly in Central Africa, although her movements during the last 12 months are vague and largely unknown.</p> <p>Before she left the UK over a year ago, she had been under surveillance by counter terrorism officers.</p> <p>1. List four purposes of the initial assessment.</p> <p>Establish fitness to detain [1] Establish fitness for interview [1] Formulate a management plan for the custody staff [1] Document the presence/absence any injuries [1] Assess dietary needs [1] Assess any religious needs [1]</p> <p>4 marks i.e. 1 mark for each factor listed</p>	

2. When you are taking a medical history, she tells you that she has not been feeling very well over the last few days. She describes flu like symptoms, tiredness, headaches and nausea, particularly in the mornings.

What three important conditions do you need to exclude?

Pregnancy [1]

Malaria [1]

Viral Haemorrhagic Fever [1]

3 marks i.e. 1 mark for each factor listed

3. You are asked to see her again the following day for review. You are told that it is planned to carry out a number of interviews with her that day, which she may find quite challenging.

What eight specific areas do you need to cover to ensure her welfare needs are being met? 1 mark for each answer.

Sleep [1]

Access to bathing [1]

Access to appropriate hygiene products [1]

Access to clean clothing [1]

Access to appropriate diet e.g. Halal food [1]

Adequate fluids [1]

Exercise [1]

Religious needs [1]

Access to reading material [1]

8 marks i.e. 1 mark for each factor listed

4. Later that day you are advised that the police wish to detain the suspect for further questioning.

How long can a person be held without charge if arrested under the Terrorism Act 2006 ?

Up to 28 days [1]

1 mark

5. Later that day, you are asked to see a second detainee, a 30 year old male, also arrested under the Terrorism Act 2006.

He has already been in custody for three days having been initially assessed by one of your colleagues.

When you see him, he is clearly very angry at his continued detention and tells you he is intending to go on a hunger strike. Otherwise he is, in your opinion, fit to be detained and interviewed.

List eight things you need to establish at this stage in relation to his potential hunger strike.

That he has capacity for this specific decision. [1].

That he understands the likely physical [1] and psychological [1] consequences of his proposed actions.

Whether he intends to refuse both food [1] and fluids [1]

Baseline weight [1], height [1], BP [1] pulse [1]

Baseline cognitive function [1]

8 marks

6. List five pieces of advice you would highlight to the custody sergeant in respect of this prisoner's threat to go on a hunger strike?

They should continue to offer fluids and food in the usual way [1]

They should have a low threshold for requesting further medical reassessment [1]

At present he is fit to detain and interview [1] this should be assessed daily [1]

He should continue [or not] with any medication he is taking [1] this will be his decision [1]

Should have daily medical check and weight recording [1]

5 marks

References.

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