

## **Independent Custody Visitors South Group Meeting**

**Date:** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015

**Time:** 6.30pm

**Location:** Lecture room, 2nd Floor, Parkside Police Station

### **Minutes**

#### **Attendees – Group Members**

PH

PK

JL

GR

RS

WT

JT

#### **Attendees – other**

Rebecca Avery (RA) – Outreach Worker, OPCC

Chief Inspector Iain Clarke (IC) – Cambridgeshire Constabulary

D/Chief Inspector Dominic Human (DH) – Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Insp Paul Street (PS) – Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Hannah Watson (HW) – Volunteer Co-ordinator, OPCC

#### **Welcome & apologies received**

PK opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Apologies were received from GC, ME, MF and CM.

#### **Minutes of previous South group meeting held 11 December 2014**

- HW to share summary when agenda sent out so people have an opportunity to look at it before the meeting – completed.

- ICVs to be invited for a visit and briefing before it re-opens. PS to notify HW when about to re-open so HW can arrange with ICV – completed. ICVs were given the opportunity to visit on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

### **Current performance & matters arising from visits**

The summary was shared

### **Restorative Justice**

DH introduced himself, his role and explained Restorative Justice.

Restorative Justice is a process which “brings those harmed by crime or conflict, and those responsible for the harm, into communication, enabling everyone affected by a particular incident to play a part in repairing the harm and finding a positive way forward”.

Victims of crime in Cambridgeshire can now request to meet their offender in a restorative justice conference. Such conferences have been proven to help repair the harm crime causes by allowing the victim to explain to the offender the impact of their actions. It also enables the victim to understand why the offender behaved the way they did. The whole process is carefully managed at all stages by trained facilitators.

Not for profit community interest company, Restorative Solutions, has been appointed by the Commissioner and Constabulary, as a delivery partner to help develop restorative justice across Cambridgeshire in partnership with other agencies. The programme has been brought to fruition thanks to Ministry of Justice providing all PCCs with an initial two years' funding.

Take a look at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1s6wKeGLQk> for more information.

Dominic Human is the project lead and his contact details are below:

Email: [dominic.human@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:dominic.human@cambs.pnn.police.uk)

### **PCC Outreach Worker**

RA introduced herself and her new role. She is the PCC's eyes and ears and feeds back directly to Sir Graham. Her contact details are below:

Email: [rebecca.avery@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:rebecca.avery@cambs.pnn.police.uk)

### **Independent Custody Visiting aide memoir**

During the consultation for the ICV procedures, a couple of ICVs suggested it would be useful to have an aide memoir to help when visiting. ICVs at the meeting felt this was already in existence in the ICVA diary.

This led onto a discussion about future training and ICVs commented they would like more 'role playing' opportunities to practice in a safe environment.

**Action** – PS to look into possibility of including ICVs in the Custody Sgt training, perhaps including a role playing scenario involving an ICV visit.

### **Updates**

- Review of sections 135 and 136 Mental Health Act 1983  
The Review of the operation of sections 135 and 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983 is now published -  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/review-of-the-operation-of-sections-135-and-136-of-the-mental-health-act>. The review aimed to address what was widely perceived as an excessive use of police cells to detain people under section 136, and in particular to ensure that children and young people are not being held in police cells when experiencing a mental health crisis.
- Transferring children from police custody to Local Authority Care

The PCC has received a letter from the Home Secretary and Education Secretary about Local Authority duties to receive children transferred from police custody - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transferring-children-from-police-custody-to-local-authority-care>.

- Voluntary Attendance Rooms – The rooms have been designed to carry out all processes regarding a person who voluntarily attends a police station for an interview regarding a recordable offence.
- Dealing with ingested / inserted drugs –new process has been developed by the force.

### **Long Service Awards**

PH was awarded her long service certificate by PK and congratulated by all.

### **Any other business and close**

None

### **Date of next meeting – Thursday 18th June – 6.30pm.**

PH passed on her apologies as she'll be unable to attend.