



Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Custody Visitors' Group Meeting

Monday 18th June 2018

Minutes	
1	<p>Welcome, introductions and apologies:</p> <p>1.1 Present: JC – ICV North RM – ICV South FC – ICV North PR – ICV North JL – ICV South PH – ICV South GW – ICV North AS – ICV South AW – ICV North JT – ICV South JP – ICV South RB – Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner AB – Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, ICV Scheme Manager Insp AB – Cambridgeshire Constabulary NP – Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner</p> <p>1.2 Apologies AD – ICV North JB – ICV North CM – ICV South AL – ICV South JA – Police and Crime Commissioner</p>
2	<p>Minutes and actions of previous meeting Monday 5th March 2018</p> <p>2.1 No actions listed.</p> <p>2.2 Minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting</p>

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<p>5</p> <p>5.1</p>	<p>Matters arising from visits / training:</p> <p>Virtual Courts: JT raised the question of resilience in the virtual court system from the custody side with a Virtual Courts Officer being off long term sick. Insp AB</p>

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	gave assurances that training and recruitment was ongoing to ensure there was sufficient backfill if it was needed in the future.
5.2	Athena: AW asked about the Athena system and how this was settling in and was it having a negative or positive impact. Insp AB shared that things were improving as staff got to grips with the new system, with many of the delays in the process sitting with the investigating officers, rather than custody staff.
5.3	Booking in of detainees will likely remain a longer process than before (e.g. approx. 20 minutes rather than 15) but more information will be gathered in order to better identify vulnerability or need, so this is seen as a positive.
5.4	Feedback from national and regional conferences: AW fed back from the national conference there was discussion around detainees knowing the time. In Thorpe Wood, JC pointed out that detainees can currently see this on the Inspector review screens in cells.
5.5	AW stated one possible risk could be that detainees on 30 minute reviews may think when a review has been completed they would have 30 minutes to self-harm if they were planning to do so. Cells would still be visible via CCTV to staff which helps mitigate risk. If the risk was that high, custody staff would place the detainee on constant observations.
5.6	It was shared at the regional conference that there was plans to have someone from the immigration service present at Thorpe Wood.
5.7	ICVs felt that the regional conference was worthwhile attending, with lots of speakers and a packed agenda. While interesting the national conference did not cover much new ground for local issues.
5.8	ACTION: AB to invite someone from the immigration service to a panel meeting to discuss their role.
5.9	Use of Force: no concerns recorded by ICVs.
5.10	Visibility of screens / Perspex screens at Parkside: Insp AB gave an update. The screens at Parkside had been filed down, while replacement screens had been ordered at Thorpe Wood where there was some damage.
5.11	Insp AB shared there was still issues with detainees not being able to read their rights on screens due to an IT issues, this has been raised a number of times but not yet resolved.
5.12	There was a query from a detainee who was unable to see on the screen what they were signing, this was also raised by an Appropriate Adult.

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5.13	Paper copies are available for detainees to read as an interim fix.
5.14	Sanitary protection: one detainee was identified as not being offered sanitary products. It did appear to be a one-off oversight but did raise some useful questions. PH asked if sanitary packs could be kept in the tray by each cell that contains the cleaning record. Then the detainee could be offered the pack in a more private area than the booking in desk which may be intimidating.
5.15	ACTION: AB to feedback to ICVA
5.16	Insp AB informed ICVs that the Constabulary did follow the ICVA guidance on offering sanitary protection, and assured on the further point that female detainees should be offered to speak to a female member of staff.
5.17	Positive feedback / good practice: AB said it was good to see continuous positive feedback noted from ICVs and from comments made by detainees about the staff and their treatment.
5.18	Access at Parkside: JT reminded ICVs that should they visit out of hours they can do so by calling the buzzer at the back gate or the yellow phone by the front door. PH stated she had no problems gaining access using the yellow phone.
6	Updates from the OPCC / Constabulary:
6.1	Tri-force / national reporting form: AB circulated printed copies of the draft BCH style reporting form. There was a bit of feedback at the time and ICVs felt they wanted more time to discuss. This would be brought to the next meeting.
6.2	Appropriate Adult Service: AB updated ICVs that the new Appropriate Adult service would come into play on the 1 st August 2018, and would be delivered by the YMCA in both Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The YMCA currently run the Cambridgeshire service so it should be a smooth transition.
7	A.O.B
7.1	ACTION: AB to send electronic copies of the BCH visit report form and consult on dates for training.
7.2	ICVs were formally informed that GR had retired after 28 years as an ICV. The ICVs wished GR the warmest wishes going forward.
Date of the next meeting: Monday 3 rd September 2018 Printed copies of the agenda and any papers will be available at the meeting	

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