

## Independent Custody Visitors – Southern

Notes of the meeting held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 18:30

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No:	Item:		
1	Welcome & Apologies	<b>Attendees:</b> Anita Griffiths Beverley Cooper Michael Guest Insp Tim Heap – Force Michelle Ryan – SCO Holly Sproston - SCO	<b>Non-Attendees:</b> Anna Shaw Antony Jones Lisa Tunney Ch Insp Lucy Maskew Deputy Commissioner Helen Fisher
2	Minutes and Matters Arising	Previous minutes were agreed.  <b>Action Points:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To circulate ICVA checklists to support closer scrutiny of children and young adults in custody – Completed</li> </ul>	
3	Visits	Due to the small number of ICVs present, the feedback was minimal. However, issues noted included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Access call button had been broken but had now been rectified.</li> </ul>	
5	Police Update	<b>Insp Heap indicated the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A new Operational model for Custody Inspectors has been introduced. The number of Custody Inspectors with PACE responsibilities had been increased. In addition, there was a drive to increase Sergeant numbers to attain new operating model targets.</li> <li>A Custody Sergeant's training course starts soon. More sergeants will be trained increasing custody's resilience.</li> <li>There is ongoing rolling recruitment for CDOs. Interviews and a training course will be held later this year.</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insp Heap indicated they are still awaiting the peer report for CYP Vulnerability and Safeguarding in custody. This will be shared once available.</li> <li>There have been some issues with availability of HCPs. ICVs indicated that they would undertake a HCP attendance check on future visits.</li> </ul>
7	Staffordshire Commissioner Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>ID Cards</b> - ICVs were informed that the Force had indicated a new policy for renewing ID cards after 7 years.</li> <li><b>Recruitment</b> – Recruitment is ongoing. Interviews will be scheduled in due course.</li> <li><b>Training</b> – Bitesize training from ICVA is provided for self-directed training. There have been 4 recent training packages emailed out. ICVs are to inform Holly when these have been completed</li> <li><b>ICV1 Forms</b> – ICVs were reminded that all relevant sections should be completed clearly and to check before posting.</li> </ul>
8	AOB	None
9	Date and Time of Next Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 18:30</b></li> <li><b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 18:30</b></li> </ul> <p>All meetings will be held at Cannock Fire station.</p>

### Action Log:

Action	Responsible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ICVs to check that custody has received 24-hour HCP cover on future visits and to note where this had not occurred. HS to email ICVs to ensure that all are aware of these future check on visits</li> </ul>	HS