

Lambeth Independent Custody Visitors Panel

Notes of the panel meeting held on

13 February 2020 at 7pm – Lambeth Police Station

Present: [REDACTED] (Chair), [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Apologies: none

Absence: [REDACTED].

1. Welcome and introductions.

Welcome.

Apologies were noted.

2. Notes of the last meeting and matters arising.

Members discussed the actions.

ACTION: Braille copies – Met Detention to take up centrally – Custody staff have no way to resolve. ICVs to raise at Chairs' meeting.

Members discussed the visit members made to Peckham.

3. Concerns from visit reports.

5th Nov: Members discussed being advised not to see detainees.

Members agreed to note that they will mark down on reports how many detainees are sleeping and these figures will also show the numbers of detainees seen through a wicket.

ACTION: ICVs to note the number of sleeping detainees

13th Nov: members discussed if detainees would usually be provided with a pen. MPS confirmed a risk assessment would be carried out first to determine if the detained person is deemed low risk.

28th Nov: Highlighted the impact of the closures of other suites on resources at Lambeth. Members commended Lambeth on their reputation to stay open and not allow the pressure caused by other closures to impact the cell capacity of Lambeth.

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2nd Dec: Members discussed the whiteboard and the fact that MPS staff must anonymise the data before sharing with ICVs. ICVs happy with speedy response.

ACTION: Going forward, ICVs to capture information and request 'when did AA get called?' This will help MPS and MOPAC highlight the wait time faced by detainees.

10th Dec: Members discussed the issues around language surrounding the support of detainees and providing rights and entitlements.

18th Dec: Members discussed need for new books.

23rd Dec: Members discussed mental health concerns and support.

30th Dec: Members commended custody staff and discussed the collection of immigration detainees.

6th Jan: For detainees ICVs have been advised not to see, Members discussed viewing them through the wicket.

13th Jan: Members discussed [REDACTED] who left before ICVs arrived. ICVs accepted wrong custody number used to identify the detainee.

ACTION: Going forward, ICVs to capture gender and ethnicity of detainees they have been advised not to interview, as well as those who refuse visits. This will help MOPAC to identify patterns.

20th Jan: no further comments

27th Jan: Members discussed the handover timings.

4. Met Detention update

No planned maintenance.

Members discussed the impact of Streatham Terror Attack and the impact on Custody Staff.

Nicotine Patches – ICVs to discuss / recommend giving patches to detainees with Custody Staff. Going forward, ICVs are welcomed to discuss and /or recommend detainee access to nicotine patches on an individual basis.

[REDACTED], the current BCU Commander leaving tomorrow – new BCU Commander to be announced.

5. MOPAC/Chairs issues.

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The MOPAC co-ordinator read the MOPAC quarterly update. Members discussed the ICV Tender which closed in January 2020, and the London Seminars which occurred in November 2020.

New meeting dates were agreed for the Panel meetings for 2020.

Important dates for diaries included:

- Chairs' meeting on 18th March at City Hall from 6pm.
- ICV Refresher training on 24th and 26th March.
- ICVA Conference on 28th March.

6. Rota.

Agreed.

7. Any other business.

Members discussed the reports and how to improve information sharing and capturing. The top name is the name of the visitor inputting the information.

Members discussed the figures of unavailable people and how to capture where they were.

Members discussed publication of reports and minutes.

8. Dates of future meetings.

14th May

30th July

29th October

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