

Lambeth Independent Custody Visitors Panel

Notes of the panel meeting held on

12th November 2020 at 6pm – via Microsoft Teams

Present:

Apologies:

Absent:

1. **Welcome and introductions.**
2. **Concerns from visit reports.**

20th Aug: – was detainee injured prior to coming into custody?

ACTION: MPS to confirm s treatment in custody reference possible stabbing and reference secure/non-secure accommodation and why overnight detention occurred.

27th Aug: No further comments

3rd Sept: No PPE offered to ICVs and poor communication and lack of professional attitude towards the ICVs and the purpose of visit from escorting DDO.

ACTION: MPS and ICVs to remind/ask staff to share PPE with ICVs.

ACTION: MPS to follow up on escorting DDO's behaviour from 3rd December.

16th Sept: Virtual visits have not included speaking with detainees. Appropriate Adult (AA) not available after midnight for all types of vulnerable detainees. MPS confirmed Lambeth should have TAAS 24/7 for detainees. Members discussed staff custody morale prior to tragic incident on 25th September. Generally, busy days or shifts are hard on staff but more sergeants would improve the support available to staff on shifts.

ACTION: MPS to confirm set up for Lambeth reference AAs and coverage.

25th Sept: Visit cancelled due to tragic murder of Sgt Ratana. Members discussed the impact of the incident on the Lambeth custody staff.

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15th Oct: Members noted that detainees are not receiving access to showers and general hygiene.

Action: MPS to remind staff about showers

23rd Oct: No custody numbers reported so no response possible.

ACTION: MPS to provide update on cell coverage for London noting if South London suites put under pressure.

29th Oct: [REDACTED] - MOPAC read custody manager's email response.

3. Met Detention update

4. MOPAC/Chair's issues

ACTION: MOPAC to arrange individual support for member reference Microsoft Teams software and virtual visits.

ACTION: 23rd November – general technical support training session open to all ICVs.

5. Rota

Members discussed the rota and types of visits. The co-ordinator confirmed MOPAC would prefer ICVs to be cleared in order to conduct a monthly physical visit to custody.

ACTION: ICVs to review COVID-AGE questionnaire and confirm score. ICVs to note that specific health conditions will result in an automatic score of 70.

ACTION: MOPAC to update rota with COVID status and ICV preference for the type of visit they are willing to conduct for the life of the rota.

6. Any other business.

MOPAC shared the headlines from MOPAC Update, which will be circulated via email, for ICVs to read.

- Met Detention Four Custody COVID Complaint Risk Control
- Met Detention Guide for Young People in Custody
- ICVA COVID-19 Six Month Review
- ICVA COVID specific custody issues to consider when visiting
- IOPC - deaths in or following custody, annual report

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7. Dates of future meetings.

Panel Dates

Notes: Shifting to fit financial year rather than calendar year

Note AGM postponed until Jan - Mar 2021

- Q5 Jan-Mar 2021 - Tuesday, 9 February 2021 – 6pm – TS Teams
- Q1 Apr – Jun 2021 **Thursday, 13 May 2021 tbc**
- Q2 Jul-Sep 2021 **Tuesday, 10 August 2021 tbc**
- Q3 Oct- Dec 2021 **Thursday, 18 November 2021 tbc**
- Q4 Jan- Mar 2022 **Tuesday, 15 February 2022 tbc**

Other Important Dates

- Training - ICV Initial Training - Monday 23rd November 2020 2-4pm
- Training – ICV Tech Support – Monday 23rd November 2020 6-7.30pm
- Chairs' meeting 24th March 2021
- ICV Christmas Thank you – 16th December

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