

INDEPENDENT CUSTODY VISITING PANEL – 25 JANUARY 2010

INDEPENDENT CUSTODY VISITING ASSOCIATION (ICVA) NATIONAL CONFERENCE

REPORT BY THE SCHEME ADMINISTRATOR

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To inform Panel members about the ICVA National Conference which took place in Leicester on 14 November 2009.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The annual conference of the Independent Custody Visiting Association (ICVA) was held at the Ramada Jarvis Hotel in Leicester on 14 November 2009. The conference was attended by almost 300 delegates consisting of independent custody visitors, scheme administrators, police authority members and officers.
- 1.2 Attendees from Dorset were the Chairman of the ICV Panel, the Vice-Chairman of the ICV Panel, the Scheme Administrator and two independent custody visitors.

2. CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

- 2.1 The conference speakers were:
- ACC Gordon Scobbie, West Midlands Police
 - Mark Hill, Home Office
 - Jim Symington, National Mental Health Development Unit
 - Ian Smith OBE, ICVA
 - Jim Donaghy, Independent Police Complaints Commission
- 2.2 Copies of the presentations are available on request from the Scheme Administrator or can be downloaded from the ICVA website (www.icva.org.uk).
- 2.3 Although the presentations were interesting, the attendees did not feel that they were directly relevant to the role of the Independent Custody Visitor. Views from other South West Authorities who attended have been sought and the South West Representative has agreed to feedback those views at a future ICVA Executive meeting.

- 2.4 The Chief Executive will be discussing future attendance from Dorset with the Chairman of the ICV Panel to ensure that the attendance is proportional to the value of the conference relative to the significant costs and time involved.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Panel members are asked to note the contents of this report.

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