

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Community Scrutiny Panel
Custody Detention Capture Document



Panel date:	24 th October 2024
Number of panel members in attendance:	11
Constabulary attendees:	2
OPCC attendees:	2
Previous Minutes and Actions	DG provided feedback in response to actions of previous minutes.
	<p>Action 1</p> <p>Improve recording of when the use of anti-rip clothing ceases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed comms are needed about this and plan to promote comms on custody SharePoint site.
	<p>Action 2</p> <p>Look at possibility to source non-wired bras for female detainees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This has been actioned and several non-wired crop top support garments have been purchased.
	<p>Action 3</p> <p>Cut down information given from custody records to pertinent points rather than supplying full custody record on the screen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We very much agree and have tried to implement this for this panel.
	<p>Action 4</p> <p>If anti-rip clothing was removed, what would occur in example where person is too violent for level 4 observations but cannot be in typical clothing due to danger.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This would be a case-by-case decision, we occasionally have detainees who are naked where

	they do not want to wear clothing and will be continually engaged when appropriate.
Date of next meeting	Use of Force, Thursday 21st November 2024, HQ
Questions from panel on theme after constabulary input	Q - What happens if a DP is at risk from others on release? This will be considered by the Investigating Officer in the same way that the safeguarding of the Detained Person is considered.
	Q - What happens when 24 hour clock is passed? PACE clock may be taken off and they will be kept in custody under common law powers to prevent them from harming themselves. Section 136 – police powers to detain under MHA may also be used.
	Q - One of the criteria during assessment is if the DP appears to have Mental Health issues, Appears to whom? MHP or Sergeant? This would be how the detainee appears to the sergeant, as it's the sergeants risk assessment.
	Q - Can the Sergeant override the Mental Health Practitioner (MHP)? There have been occasions where the Custody Sergeant can request a second opinion from an alternative MHP.

Background Information:**Detainee:** 45-year-old White British Male, of No Fixed Abode**Warning Markers:** Weapon / Violent / Ailment / Conceals / Drugs / Repeat Victim**Arrested For:**

- Common Assault
- Threats to Kill
- Public Order Act – Harass / Alarm / Distress
- Going Equipped.

Reason for Arrest: To prevent injury to anyone or damage to anything.**Date/Time Arrested:** 01-Sept-2024 at 03.59hrs**Date/Time Arrived at Custody:** 01-Sept-2024 at 05.01hrs**Custody:** Thorpe Wood**Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:****Panel Question** - If the detainee is recorded as violent or likely to become violent, why no adverse incidents referenced.**Constabulary response** - Agreed**Constabulary observation** – The Custody record indicated that a ‘Release from Custody Leaflet’ had not been given. Everyone leaving should be given a release from custody leaflet.**RAG rating:****Green – 6**

Amber – 4

Red – 0

Not voted – 1 (Panel Member joined late)

Chairs Comments:

None

OPCC Summary:

The panel asked some very useful questions that helped in their understanding with this process. There were several questions asked that were not specifically around the use of pre-release risk assessment. The panel were reminded of the need to stay on theme, whilst appreciating there will be a few non-thematic questions while panel members are learning about the different aspects of custody. Based on the information provided by the

	Constabulary at the start of the meeting, the panel members were able to effectively scrutinise this record.
Actions arising:	Feedback:
Ensure custody staff are distributing 'Release from Custody leaflets' to all that leave custody.	<i>Comms sent to all custody staff (25/10/2024) reminding them of the need to ensure ALL detainees receive a leaflet on leaving custody.</i>

Background Information:**Detainee:** 13-year-old White British Male (*JUVENILE*)**Warning Markers:** N/A**Juvenile Considerations:** Appropriate Adult and Nominated Person Recorded**Arrested For:**

- Burglary - Dwelling
- Fail to Stop
- Dangerous Driving
- Theft of Motor Vehicle

Reason for Arrest: To prevent the person causing damage to property + to prevent the disappearance of the suspect.**Date/Time Arrested:** 12-Sept-2024 at 17.30hrs**Date/Time Arrived at Custody:** 12-Sept-2024 at 20.00hrs**Custody:** Thorpe Wood**Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:****Panel Question** – The Detainee was taken to hospital after arrest and before entering custody. Why was reference not made to hospital visit not included in the Care plan?**Constabulary response** – Agreed this should have been included, particularly as the DP was a juvenile – will be fed back.**Panel Observation** – The detainee was recorded as over 18 on the pre-release risk assessment. He was 13.**Constabulary response** – This is clear mis-recording of the information. Particularly important as when the juvenile box is ticked, supplementary questions appear on the risk assessment. Will be fed back

There was panel discussion around why the detainee was bailed at all as he could pose a risk.

RAG rating:

Green – 0

Amber – 6

Red – 4

Not voted - 1

Chairs Comments	None	
OPCC Summary	There were conversations not specifically around the use of pre-release risk assessment, however some useful observations were made regarding the inaccurate recording of information.	
Actions arising:	Feedback:	
<p>Where a DP is taken to hospital prior to entering custody, this should be recorded in the Care plan.</p> <p>To feed back to the officer that completed the Pre-release risk assessment that the DP was incorrectly recorded as over 18.</p>		

Background Information:

Detainee: 16-year-old White British Female, Home Schooled (*JUVENILE*)

Warning Markers: Suicidal / Self Harms / Conceals

Juvenile Considerations: Appropriate Adult Recorded

Arrested For:

- Criminal Damage – Arson Endangering Life

Reason for Arrest: To prevent the person causing physical injury to themselves or another.

Date/Time Arrested: 22-Sept-2024 at 14:20hrs

Date/Time Arrived at Custody: 22-Sept-2024 at 14:55hrs

Custody: Thorpe Wood

Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:

None. Panel observed that this seemed like a straightforward pre-release risk assessment. No questions asked or concerns identified.

RAG rating:

Green – 8

Amber – 0

Red – 0

Not voted – 3

Chair's comments**OPCC Summary**

The panel were content with the information shared and had no comments or questions.

Actions arising:**Feedback:**

None

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Background Information:

Detainee: 35-year-old White British Male, No Fixed Abode

Warning Markers: Mental Health / Suicidal / Self Harms

Arrested For:

- Indecent Exposure

Reason for Arrest: To prevent the person causing physical injury to themselves or another + To protect a child or vulnerable person.

Also detained under Sec. 136 Mental Health Act

Date/Time Arrested: 18-Sept-2024 at 10:13hrs

Date/Time Arrived at Custody: 18-Sept-2024 at 10:58hrs

Custody: Parkside

Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:

No comments or questions raised.

RAG rating:

Green – 9

Amber – 0

Red – 0

Not voted – 2

Chair's comments

OPCC Summary:

The panel were content with the information shared and had no comments or questions.

Actions arising:	Feedback:
None	