

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Community Scrutiny Panel

Custody Detention Capture Document

Panel date:	30/01/2025
Number of panel members in attendance:	5
Constabulary attendees:	<i>Darren Gore (DG), Caitlin Bones (CB)</i>
OPCC attendees:	<i>Helen Chesterfield (HC), Heather Sheldon (HS)</i>
Previous Minutes and Actions	<p>Previous minutes were agreed.</p> <p>Action 1 Ensure custody staff are distributing 'Release from custody leaflets to all that leave custody.</p> <p>Constabulary Response Communications sent to all custody staff (25/10/2024) reminding them of the need to ensure ALL detainees receive a leaflet on leaving custody.</p> <p>Action 2 Where a DP is taken to hospital prior to entering custody, this should be recorded in the care plan.</p> <p>Constabulary Response Communications sent to all custody staff (Nov 2024) reminding them of the need to ensure this is recorded. Custody is in the process of updating its systems to allow for an automated function that would standardise information such as pre-custody hospital visits.</p>

	<p>Action 3</p> <p>Feedback to the officer that completed the pre-release risk assessment that the DP was incorrectly recorded as over 18.</p> <p>Constabulary Response</p> <p>This was fed back to the individual custody officer involved and no wider learning for the department was deemed to be needed.</p>
Date of next meeting	27th Feb (Use of Force)

Entry 35NT/4594/24

Background Information:

Date & Time: 1st December 2024 – 02:30hrs

Subject Information: White (British), Male, 26 years old

Background Information: Detainee stopped driving a vehicle, admitted at the roadside to drinking and provided positive breath sample (66) at the roadside. Detainee was arrested at 02:15hrs.

Number of UoF Forms: 3 (Custody Sgt / DO / PC)

Sgt = Unarmed Skills

DO = Other / Improvised

PC = Handcuffing – non-compliant + Ground Restraint + Limb / Body Restraint + Other / Improvised

Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:

Panel Question –

Q - There is a way of asking the have you had a drink in the last 20 mins question without riling up the detainee.

Q - Should he have been searched?

DG – He was searched but we haven't shown that bit of the booking in.

Q - What happened behind the wall, we could not see

Q - Besides being under the influence he seems to have MH problems – he gets more worked up as they go on and the trajectory of his behaviour is clear. Would he have calmed down if he went to the cell earlier.

DG - Custody officer trying to get through risk assessment. He asked why has your mood changed. Possibly a different CS would have dealt differently. The risk assessment is the most important part. Might have saved a lot of grief.

ACTION – DG to Feedback to the officer that perhaps if the DP had been put in his cell

earlier it may have calmed the situation.

Q - Were the leg restraints necessary?

DG - Officers decided that if they go on a carry mat they need to be leg restrained.

Q - Did anyone check about his boots?

DG – This would have formed part of the risk assessment.

Panel Member observed that Level 4 seems like a sensible decision. He has intimated that he would self-harm.

Q - The lady in brown – who was she?

DG - She arrived from holding cell.

ACTION – DG to feedback to the constabulary, to ask how a female detainee was allowed to wander unescorted around custody during a separate UoF incident.

RAG rating:

Green – 5
Amber – 0
Red – 0

Chairs Comments:

OPCC Summary:

All panel members were content with the UoF and RAG scored the interaction green.

Actions arising:

Feedback:

ACTION – DG to Feedback to the officer that perhaps if the DP had been put in his cell earlier it may have calmed the situation.
ACTION – DG to feedback to the constabulary, to ask how that was allowed

to happen.	
------------	--

Entry 35NT/4640/24

Background Information:

Date & Time: 3rd December 2024

Subject Information: Asian (British), Male, 30 years old

Background Information: Detainee is alleged to have stolen £100 from a coffee shop he was working at. Detainee was unhappy on arrival and had been PAVAed during the arrest. Arrested at 22:34hrs. Arrived in custody 04:10hrs (delayed arrival = transportation from Huntingdon).

Number of UoF Forms: 5 (1x DO / 4x PC)

- DO = Unarmed Skills + Other / Improvised
- PC 1 = Other / Improvised
- PC 2 = Ground Restraint + Other / Improvised + Unarmed Skills
- PC 3 = Ground Restraint + other / Improvised
- PC 4 = Other / Improvised

Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:

Panel Questions –

Q - Why did it take 5 hours 36 minutes to arrive at custody?

ACTION – DG to look into why it took 5 hours 36 minutes to arrive at custody.

A panel member observed that whilst there were lot of people, they were not all in the cell. Situation felt calm and not chaotic. Good team effort.

A panel member observed that the whole cell insert was textbook.

RAG rating:	Green – 5 Amber – 0 Red – 0
--------------------	-----------------------------------

Chairs Comments:	
OPCC Summary:	All panel members were content with the UofF and RAG scored the interaction green.
Actions arising:	Feedback:
ACTION – DG to look into why it took 5 hours 36 minutes to arrive at custody.	

Entry 35NT/5007/24

Background Information:

Date & Time: 29th December 2024

Subject Information: White (British), Male, 40 years old

Background Information: Detainee is alleged to have approached an off-duty police officer parked outside Huntingdon police station, detainee has reached into car and tried to grab the key, assaulting the officer in the process.

Arrested at 16:50hrs. Arrived in custody 17:42hrs (delayed arrival = transportation from Huntingdon).

Number of UoF Forms: 10 (2x Sgt + 2x DO + 6x PC)

- Sgt 1 = Unarmed Skills + Ground Restraint
- Sgt 2 = Ground Restraint
- DO 1 = Ground Restraint + Other / Improvised
- DO 2 = Ground Restraint
- PC 1 = Ground Restraint + Other / Improvised
- PC 2 = Ground Restraint + Other / Improvised
- PC 3 = Ground Restraint + Unarmed Skills
- PC 4 = Other / Improvised
- PC 5 = Unarmed Skills
- PC 6 = Other / Improvised

Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:

RAG rating:

Green – 5
Amber –
Red –

Chairs Comments:

OPCC Summary:

All panel members were content with the UoF and RAG scored the interaction green.

Actions arising:	Feedback:
None	

Entry 35SP/3295/24

Background Information:

Date & Time: 11th December 2024

Subject Information: White (British), Male, 39 years old

Background Information: Detainee is alleged to have harassed the victim in-person and by text, plus alleged to have breached a Community Protection Notice.

Arrested 07:40hrs Arrived in custody: 08:20hrs (Delay = Travel Time)

Number of UoF Forms: 7 (2x Custody Sgt + 2x DO + 3x PC)

- Sgt 1 = Limb / Body Restraint
- Sgt 2 = Unarmed Skills + Non-Cooperative Handcuffing
- DO 1 = Ground Restraint
- DO 2 = Ground Restraint
- PC 1 = Other / Improvised
- PC 2 = Unarmed Skills + Non-Cooperative Handcuffing
- PC 3 = Ground Restraint

Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:

Panel Question –

Q – Is the DP within his rights to refuse to go to hospital?

DG - He was detained under section 2 of MHA so no choice.

Panel member recognised that he had to go to hospital, however felt that too many staff involved at one time.

DG - In an ideal world the custody sgt shouldn't need to be in the cell. However, the right number of people had hands on the DP to keep under control. DP wasn't injured and

<p>didn't injure others. DG – Inspector didn't need to be in there.</p>	
RAG rating:	<p>Green – 5 Amber – 0 Red – 0</p>
Chairs Comments:	
OPCC Summary:	All panel members were content with the UoF and RAG scored the interaction green.
Actions arising:	Feedback:

Entry 35SP/3390/24
Background Information:
<p>Date & Time: 20th December 2024</p> <p>Subject Information: White (British), Male, 60 years old</p> <p>Background Information: Detainee was arrested the previous day for domestic related offenses and was released on police bail with conditions. Allegation that detainee has breached these conditions by banging on victim's door and shouting through the letter box.</p> <p>On arrival male was sent to hospital by custody medics, but at hospital detainee refused to leave the van so the doctor assessed in the van and prescribed medication allowing detainee to return to custody. Later custody sgt. felt detainee's health had declined and needed to return to hospital. Detainee did not wish to leave his cell to return to hospital.</p> <p>Arrested 08:25hrs Arrived in custody: 08:57hrs (Delay = Travel Time)</p> <p>Number of UoF Forms: 5 (2x Custody Sgt + 3x PC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sgt 1 = Other / Improvised

- Sgt 2 = Unarmed Skills
- PC 1 = Unarmed Skills
- PC 2 = Other / Improvised

PC 3 = Other / Improvised

Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:

Panel Question –

Panel member observed that the Detention Officer did a great job of trying to persuade him.

Panel member suggested that he has a right to accept or decline medical treatment. DG explained that as they are aware of a UTI, and had observed symptoms deteriorating they don't want him to stay in custody. They have a duty of care to that person.

Panel member observed that there were lot of people there – would they have the same result with less officers. However, it worked to get the DP to leave to go to the hospital, so we don't need to scrutinise any further.

RAG rating:

Green – 5
Amber – 0
Red – 0

Chairs Comments:

OPCC Summary:

All panel members were content with the UoF and RAG scored the interaction green.

Actions arising:

None

Feedback: