



<b>Panel date:</b>	24/04/2025
<b>Number of panel members in attendance:</b>	6
<b>Constabulary attendees:</b>	<i>Darren Gore (DG), Caitlin Bones (CB), Sarah Sleaford (SS)</i>
<b>OPCC attendees:</b>	<i>Helen Chesterfield (HC), Heather Sheldon (HS)</i>
<b>Previous Minutes and Actions</b>	Previous minutes were agreed.
	<p><b>Action 1</b></p> <p><b>To feedback re if DP had been placed in the cell earlier the situation may have been calmer.</b></p> <p>Feedback provided to custody officer in question.</p>
	<p><b>Action 2</b></p> <p><b>To understand how a female detainee was allowed to wander unescorted around custody during as sper-ate UoF incident.</b></p> <p>Female who wandered was partner of male who was being restrained. Female was sat with RPU in holding whilst other RPU booked male in. When DP needed restraining – RPU decided to leave female and support colleague – so left detainee unaccompanied. Ofc. Given words of advice.</p>
	<p><b>Action 3</b></p> <p><b>To look at why it took 5hr 36min to arrive at custody</b></p> <p>DP went to hospital and not written on custody record – words of advice to custody</p>
<b>Date of next meeting</b>	<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May AGM</b>

## Child Remands in Custody

The panel were given a brief introduction to the law around juvenile remands.

### Law to Remand a Juvenile

- **Sec. 38 PACE**
  - Sec 38.1.a.ii. Believe will fail to appear at court
  - Sec 38.1.a. iii. Necessary to prevent the detainee from committing an offence
  - Sec 38.1.a. vi. For the detainee's own protection
- After a child is charged there is a presumption to bail unless the above fits -
- Custody Officer **MUST** contact local authority to source accommodation.
- In Cambs there are no secure PACE bed's – if deemed required need secure bed, then keep in custody.
- For secure accommodation, 12 yrs old + pose a risk of serious harm to the public between charge and court. that could not be managed by non-secure bed. (part e.).

### Remand Decision Process

- Decision to charge juvenile by gate-keeper – made outside of custody
- Once charge is made – then decision about bail or remand is custody decision (in conjunction with OIC)
- Decision made on level of offence & is the court going to remand them (if no then always look at bail)
- Sgt currently makes decision – should it be Insp. → could stay Sgt. / if secure need to be ratified by Insp (option)

## Entry 407

### Background Information:

**Date:** 30th January 2025

**Time of Arrest:** 08:16hrs

**Time of Arrival at Custody:** 09:00hrs

**Subject Information:** White (British), Male, 16 years old

**Background Information:** 6-days prior to arrest the victim has been approached by 3

suspects who threatened to use a weapon to steal his coat. (*detainee identified as one of the suspects*).

**Offences Arrested:** Robbery

**Offences Charged:** Robbery at 21:21hrs on 30<sup>th</sup> January

**Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:**

- Panel member observed the 12 hour delay between coming into custody and the charging decision. Constabulary explained that a charging decision needs to go through CPS
- Local Authority was contacted to check the availability of a bed. No bed available.

**RAG rating:**  
Green – 6  
Amber – 0  
Red – 0

**Chairs Comments:**

**OPCC Summary:** All panel members were content with the rationale for the remand and RAG scored the decision green.

**Actions arising:**

**Feedback:**

**Entry 579**

**Background Information:**

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**Time of Arrest:** 20:35hrs

**Time of Arrival at Custody:** 21:00hrs

**Subject Information:** White (Slovakian), Male, 14 years old

**Background Information:** Allegation detainee has attempted to steal victim mobile phone whilst in possession of a machete.

**Robbery –** named offender steal mobile & multiple items whilst armed with machete.

<p><b>Offences Arrested:</b> Attempt Robbery &amp; then Arrest for Actual Robbery (note in custody overnight via pace)</p> <p><b>Offences Charged:</b> 3x Robbery + 1x Possess Weapon in a Public Place at 20:26hrs on 10<sup>th</sup> February</p>	
<p><b>Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Authority was contacted to check the availability of a bed. No bed available.</li> <li>Panel member questioned how long a young person can be held in custody. Constabulary explained that the 24 hour PACE clock applies regardless of age and can be extended by superintendent.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>RAG rating:</b></p>	<p>Green – 6 Amber – 0 Red – 0</p>
<p><b>Chairs Comments:</b></p>	
<p><b>OPCC Summary:</b></p>	<p>All panel members were content with the rationale for the remand and RAG scored the decision green.</p>
<p><b>Actions arising:</b></p>	<p><b>Feedback:</b></p>

<p><b>Entry 580</b></p>
<p><b>Background Information:</b></p> <p><b>Date:</b> 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025</p> <p><b>Time of Arrest:</b> 21:19hrs</p> <p><b>Time of Arrival at Custody:</b> 21:33hrs</p> <p><b>Subject Information:</b> Black (Italian), Male, 15 years old</p> <p><b>Background Information:</b> DP along with 3 others has approached victim &amp; stolen mobile phone &amp; shoes armed with a machete</p> <p><b>Offences Arrested:</b> Robbery</p>

<b>(note in custody overnight via pace)</b>	
<b>Offences Charged:</b> 3x Robbery + 1x Possess Weapon in a Public Place at 20:41hrs on 10 <sup>th</sup> February	
<b>Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Comments.</li> </ul>	
<b>RAG rating:</b>	Green – 6 Amber – 0 Red – 0
<b>Chairs Comments:</b>	
<b>OPCC Summary:</b>	All panel members were content with the rationale for the remand and RAG scored the decision green.
<b>Actions arising:</b>	<b>Feedback:</b>
None	

<b>Entry 640</b>
<p><b>Background Information:</b></p> <p><b>Date:</b> 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025</p> <p><b>Time of Arrest:</b> 10:56hrs</p> <p><b>Time of Arrival at Custody:</b> 11:14hrs</p> <p><b>Subject Information: White (Ukrainian), Male, 16 years old</b></p> <p><b>Background Information:</b></p> <p><b>TTK</b> – Suspect has threatened to kill classmate multiple times</p> <p><b>POK</b> – Suspect has taken knife to school with him</p> <p><b>MC</b> – Suspect has sent video to school showing him brandishing knife with Nazi symbolism and wording threatening death</p> <p><b>Offences Arrested:</b> Malicious Communications + Possession of a Knife + Threats to Kill + (Another not listed PNC)</p>

Offences Charged: Possess a Knife on Education Premises + Assault by Beating + Stalking involving fear of violence + Send communication threatening death or serious harm at 10:54hrs on 14 <sup>th</sup> February	
<b>Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Comments</li> </ul>	
<b>RAG rating:</b>	Green – 6 Amber – 0 Red – 0
<b>Chairs Comments:</b>	
<b>OPCC Summary:</b>	All panel members were content with the rationale for the remand and RAG scored the decision green.
<b>Actions arising:</b>	<b>Feedback:</b>

<b>Entry 493</b>
<p><b>Background Information:</b></p> <p><b>Date:</b> 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025</p> <p><b>Time of Arrest:</b> 10:19hrs</p> <p><b>Time of Arrival at Custody:</b> 11:08hrs</p> <p><b>Subject Information:</b> White (British), Male, 17 years old</p> <p><b>Background Information:</b></p> <p>CA – Alleged on 11<sup>th</sup> Feb to sworn at staff member at a Gym and offered staff member out to fight</p> <p>GBH (1) – Alleged 14/09/24 – Believed to have been involved in altercation at house party where victim was stabbed</p> <p>GBH 2 – Yesterday victim attacked by 3 males, receiving multiple kicks &amp; punches, consistent with GBH &amp; DP identified as 1 of them</p>

PoC – found in possession of cannabis when arrested.

**Offences Arrested:** Sec 18 GBH x2 + Common Assault + Possession of Cannabis

**Offences Charged:** Police Bailed for CA & 1x GBH before Charge – not enough evidence

**Charged with PoC & Actual Bodily Harm** charged at 10:47 on 19<sup>th</sup> February

**Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:**

- Panel member observed that it took 7 hours from referral to EDT and then moving the DP. The DP was moved in the middle of the night.
- Constabulary explained that on this occasion they were waiting for 7 hours for the Local Authority to confirm the availability of the bed. Panel member observed that the custody record had a significant amount of information missing regarding the steps taken to source a bed.
- Panel members agreed that it was right that detainee went to non-secure accomodation, but acknowledged the delay from the LA before accommodation was found.
- Panel member observed that the delayed transition from custody to non-secure accomodation would have meant that there was not long for the DP to sleep between moving and attending court.

**RAG rating:**

Green – 2  
Amber – 4  
Red – 0

**Chairs Comments:**

**OPCC Summary:**

Panel were satisfied that the decision to seek non-secure bed was right. However, the custody record could have contained more detail to reflect the course of events.

**Actions arising:**

None

**Feedback:**

## Entry 3487

**Date:** 01/01/2025

**Time of Arrest:** 31/12/2025 19.37

**Time of Arrival at Custody:** 31/12/2025 @ 19.55

**Subject Information:** Black (British), Female, 17 years old

**Background Information:**

**Circumstances** – Detainee arrested at Travelodge for assaulting a member of staff at Fulbourn MH hospital. Whilst in custody, has gone on to assault x10 officers.

Offences Arrested: 10x Assault on Emergency Worker + 1x Common Assault (31<sup>st</sup> Dec)

Offences Charged: x11 assault by beating of emergency worker

**Comments, concerns and/or compliments from panel members:**

Panel member questioned why the DP wasn't detained under the MH Act. Constabulary explained that she had been assessed at Fulbourn and didn't meet threshold for being detained.

<b>RAG rating:</b>	Green – 6 Amber – 0 Red – 0
<b>Chairs Comments:</b>	
<b>OPCC Summary:</b>	All panel members were content with the rationale for the remand and RAG scored the decision green.
<b>Actions arising:</b>	<b>Feedback:</b>
None	

- Chair observed that every record that has been reviewed, the panel agreed with the Constabulary decision to seek secure accommodation. In every case, the Local Authority were contacted and there was no secure accommodation available.
- Constabulary confirmed this had also been commented on in the recent

HMICFRS inspection.

**ACTION** – SS to feed back to Local Authority.

**ACTION** – HS to consider how the PCC can address this.