

ORIGINATOR: Simon Atherton

DECISION NO. 27/2022

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: For Decision

SUBMITTED TO: Police & Crime Commissioner

SUBJECT: Independent Custody Visiting Association (ICVA) – Membership Subscription 2022/23

SUMMARY: The Independent Custody Visiting Association (ICVA) is a Company Limited by Guarantee that promotes custody visiting processes nationally through advocacy, training, publicity and ongoing support to all involved in the process. This report asks for the PCC to consider whether they would like to continue with their subscription and subscribe to the Association for the year 2022/23.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the PCC subscribes to ICVA for the period 2022/23 at a cost of £1000.

OUTCOME/APPROVAL BY: PCC/CHIEF EXECUTIVE/CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER (Delete as appropriate)

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.



Signature

Date 19/05/2022

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. OBJECTIVE:

- 1.1 To support and enhance the delivery of the Independent Custody Visiting Scheme in Norfolk. Every PCC has a statutory duty to implement and manage an Independent Custody Visiting Scheme.

2. BACKGROUND:

- 2.1 The Independent Custody Visiting Association (ICVA) is a Company Limited by Guarantee that promotes the custody visiting process nationally through advocacy, training, publicity and ongoing support to all involved in the process.

- 2.2 By subscribing to ICVA's services for 2022/23, they will on the Schemes behalf:

- Continue to work with our national stakeholders and as part of the National Preventive Mechanism to meet the UK's international duties. We will continue our core work to lead, support and represent schemes, providing a national voice for independent custody visiting.
- Continue to review and revise bitesize training modules from PowerPoints, delivered by scheme managers, to videos and straight-to-ICV formats, saving scheme manager resources and bringing national learning to local training modules.
- Provide policy guidance and regular communication via ICVA's weekly newsletter.
- Access a National Expert Forum to share practice, learning, resources and conduct joint projects.
- Represent PCCs in the Ministerial deaths in custody board meeting and workstreams.
- Support schemes who visit terrorism detention or may have detainees suspected of terrorism held in their custody suites, access to ICVA's TACT network and meetings that bring schemes together to resolve challenges, identify issues and report to the Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation.
- Grant access to the scheme managers' conference – with presentations from top professionals, training and an opportunity to meet with other scheme managers.
- Grant access to the annual ICV National Conference to invest in and thank volunteers.
- Provide national guidance on data collection during visits.
- Provide representation for independent custody visiting in the NPCC National Custody Forum meetings and workstreams.
- Support and guide schemes in completing the Quality Assurance Framework. The Framework will help raise the profile of independent custody visiting on a national scale, assist schemes to benchmark against other schemes and share their fantastic work with both external stakeholders and other schemes.
- Work with schemes to deliver a national thematic on tackling discrimination, underlining our commitment to tackling racial and gender inequities in custody.

- Seek to build on the relationship we have formed with international partners to share best practice in custody, as well as learn from other territories on how we can continue to improve custody processes in the UK.
- Support schemes and the Home Office in any review of the Code of Practice on Independent Custody Visiting, learning from custody record reviews, best practice and taking from learning across COVID19.

3. AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 3.1 The cost of subscribing to ICVA for 2022/23 is £1000.

4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

- 4.1 There are no other options for consideration as ICVA is the only association that provides these services to support independent custody visiting.

5. STRATEGIC AIMS/OBJECTIVE SUPPORTED:

- 5.1 Supporting PCCs statutory duties to provide an independent custody visiting scheme in Norfolk.

6. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 No other financial or resource implications.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

- 7.1 No other implications or risks.

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	NO
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	YES
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	YES
Have human resource implications been considered?	YES
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	YES
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	NO
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	NO
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?	N/A
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APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER (this approval is required only for submissions to the PCC).

Chief Executive

I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report, that the recommendations have been reviewed and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC.



Signature:

Date: 19/05/2022

Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer)

I certify that:

- a) there are no financial consequences as a result of this decision,
OR
- b) the costs identified in this report can be met from existing revenue or capital budgets,
OR
- c) the costs identified in this report can be financed from reserves
AND
- d) the decision can be taken on the basis of my assurance that Financial Regulations have been complied with.

Signature:



Date: 19/05/2022

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