

OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR NORFOLK

ORIGINATOR: Policy, Planning &
Performance Officer

DECISION NO. 2013/4

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: PCC

SUBJECT: INDEPENDENT CUSTODY VISITING ASSOCIATION – MEMBERSHIP
SUBSCRIPTION 2013/14

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 subscribe to the Association for the year 2013/14.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the PCC subscribes to ICVA for the period 2013/14 at a cost of £500.

OUTCOME/APPROVAL BY: PCC

The above request has my approval

Signature

A. W. Bett

Date 26/03/2013.

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

1.1 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.

1.2 Benefits of subscribing to ICVA's services include:

- One free training day per annum, albeit additional expenditure is required for travel and subsistence requirements for the trainer in attendance;
- Training aids – i.e. an initial training DVD and manual;
- Conferences – ICVA hosts an annual National Conference and an annual National Scheme Administrators' conference, albeit additional expenditure is required for travel/subsistence/attendance of each delegate;
- Bi-annual magazine;
- Diaries for Independent Custody Visitors
- Ad hoc advice on relevant topics

1.3 ICVA has formulated a Business Plan for 2013/14 and key deliverables for 2013/14 include:

- To produce new training material incorporating changes in Codes of Practice, national standards and any protocol work associated with the visiting of TACT detainees;
- To provide regional training days for OPCCs and specific training for TACT visitors;
- To work with the Home Office, Offices of Police & Crime Commissioners, Boards and HMIC/HMIP to provide support for Schemes in the implementation of their codes of practice and national standards;
- To assist the Officers of Police & Crime Commissioners in the delivery of their statutory obligations for custody visiting;
- To meet with relevant bodies and NGOs with a view to sharing resources and information for the voluntary sector;
- To consider a national training programme for the voluntary sector in relation to the promotion of OPCAT competencies and to actively participate in any Management Board to take forward NPM activity;
- To provide an annual conference and attend regional conferences to disseminate information, good practice and support to custody visiting and visitors;
- To produce the publication "Visiting Times" to provide information for Schemes and work with certifying bodies for formal certification of training;
- To continue in the delivery of training for Schemes nationally and internationally;

- To lobby for further ICV involvement from the point of arrest;
- To work with the Offices of Police & Crime Commissioners to lobby for visits by ICVs, court custody suites, to places of safety, hospitals (section 136), border agencies UK and holding centres;
- To continue the Monitors in the Criminal Justice System working party;
- To meet with HMIC/HMIP, the APCC and IPCC regularly to discuss custody visiting issues nationally;
- To promote the provision of Care not Custody as an underlying theme for detention;
- To provide for meetings of the Management Board and AGM;
- To provide audited accounts for the membership

2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The cost of subscribing to ICVA for 2013/14 is £500


3. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

Human Resources – There are some minor implications for Human Resources as a result of the report, however this can be absorbed within the day-to-day role of the Policy, Planning and Performance Officer.

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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?	NO
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	NO
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?	YES
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?	YES

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER (this approval is required only for submissions to PCC and DPCC).

<p>Deputy Head of Staff I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC.</p>	
<p>Signature: </p>	<p>Date 26. 3. 13</p>