

INDEPENDENT CUSTODY VISITING PANEL – 16 OCTOBER 2017

INDEPENDENT CUSTODY VISITING SCHEME ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17

REPORT BY THE SCHEME MANAGER

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To present the Independent Custody Visiting Scheme Annual Report for 2016/17.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The original Dorset Lay Visiting Scheme was established by the Police Committee in 1986 and has been developed over the 20 years. The Scheme has operated successfully with a complement of approximately 20 independent custody visitors (ICVs) who undertake unannounced visits to people held in police custody and who serve on an Independent Custody Visiting Panel which meets quarterly.

2. INDEPENDENT CUSTODY VISITING SCHEME ANNUAL REPORT

- 2.1 The publication of an annual report provides the opportunity to take stock of the Scheme, to report key developments, outcomes and performance statistics and to provide a helpful, rounded annual summary.
- 2.2 More specifically, the annual report summarises the role of the OPCC and the Force relative to the ICV Scheme, the role of ICVs and how the Scheme operates. The statistics provided are designed to provide an overview of key performance indicators demonstrating the coverage and activities of the visitors in the course of the year.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Visitors are asked to note the Dorset OPCC Independent Custody Visiting Scheme Annual Report for 2016/17.

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