

INDEPENDENT CUSTODY VISITING PANEL – 28 JANUARY 2019

ICVA SCHEME MANAGERS CONFERENCE

REPORT BY OPCC ICV SCHEME MANAGER

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To inform Panel members about the ICVA Scheme Managers Conference which took place in London on 7 November 2018.

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The annual Scheme Managers conference of the Independent Custody Visiting Association (ICVA) was held at the Friends House in London on 7 November 2018. The conference was well attended by Scheme Managers.

2. CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

2.1 The conference speakers were:

- Katie Kempen, Chief Executive, ICVA.
- Tony Herbert, Father of James Herbert, Six Missed Chances.
- Ben Rychwalski-Lindley, Derbyshire Police.
- Chris Hilliard, Working for Justice Programme.
- Sherry Ralph, Chief Operating Officer, ICVA.

2.2 Katie Kempen spoke to the conference about the Public Equality Duty, how this impacts on schemes and how scheme managers can use it. ICVA have also produced a YouTube tutorial on this subject for scheme managers.

2.3 Tony Herbert, father of James Herbert who died whilst in police custody, spoke about the loss of his son and the process he went through to have the circumstances of his death reviewed. This review then resulted in the report Six Missed Chances.

2.4 Ben Rychwalski-Lindley from Derbyshire Police spoke about transgender awareness and his experiences of transitioning as a police officer.

2.5 Chris Hilliard gave his own personal account of being in custody as a detainee with Autism. He shared his thoughts around how interaction with autistic people could be improved in the custody setting and highlighted some aspects of detention process which could have an increased negative impact on an individual with Autism.

2.6 Sherry Ralph spoke about the challenges of recruiting a diverse panel of visitors, providing useful hints and tips on how to successfully recruit a diverse panel of Independent Custody Visitors.

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 Panel members are asked to note the contents of this report.

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