

The Role of the Independent Custody Visitor

Greater Manchester Police Authority




Purpose


To make random visits, in pairs, to police stations to check on the welfare of the people who are in police custody



Key duties

- To arrange custody visits with fellow custody visitors, in line with agreed rosters
 - To keep the Volunteer Schemes Team, Lead Visitor and fellow custody visitors informed of any problems with rostered custody visits
 - To carry out custody visits to designated police stations in line with the scheme guidelines and training
 - To carry out the duties of an Independent Custody Visitor as set out in the Scheme's guidelines and with regard to the Code of Conduct
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At the Custody Suite

- To check on the conditions in which a detainee is kept, their health and wellbeing and their legal rights and entitlements, with reference to PACE Codes C and H.
 - Where appropriate, examine the detainee's custody record to clarify and check any concerns raised by the detainee
 - To discuss with the custody officer any concerns and requests arising from the custody visit and bring to the custody officer's attention any issues that need to be dealt with
 - To complete the Independent Custody Visitor Report form, ensuring that all relevant information is recorded correctly, clearly and concisely
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Following the visit

- To distribute copies of the Independent Custody Visitor Report form to the appropriate people on leaving the police station
- Complete and submit expenses claims in line with the scheme guidelines



Support

- Lead Visitor
- Independent Custody Visitors Support Meetings
- One-to-one Supervision sessions
- Mandatory training





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