

## OPCC RECORD OF DECISION

<b>PROJECT NAME OR TITLE</b>
Review of the temporary suspension of Independent Custody Visiting Scheme.

<b>DECISION RECORD PREPARED BY</b>	
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Date of Decision:	13/05/2020

### **1. BACKGROUND**

Since the decision was taken in March 2020 to temporarily suspend visits in person to custody centres scrutiny of detainee care within police custody has been conducted during the interim period via virtual visits (skype calls), and via spot checks of custody records, two chosen per week per suite. This has permitted the OPCC to feedback any concerns and obtain further information as necessary to`

### **2. DECISION RECORD**

2.1 This decision to temporarily suspend in person visits to custody centres was reviewed in May 2020 following a consideration of the interim scrutiny put in place and the views of the custody visitors, the majority of whom expressed a wish to continue with the suspension of visits. The decision will be reviewed again once the COVID Alert level reduces to level 3, together with a consideration of risk assessments drawn up in conjunction with force health and safety and the protocols put in place that would govern any change to visiting arrangements.

### **3. CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION**

3.1 Consultation took place between the PCC and the ICV Scheme Manager, and ICV Volunteer Panel Co-ordinator.

#### **4. OPCC MONITORING OFFICER ADVICE**

##### **4.1 Legal, Management and Equality Implications – Current and Future**

The PCC's Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer has advised that the arrangements set out meet the duty of care to the volunteers on the basis of the risk assessment undertaken and current government advice. There are no current and going concerns identified by this scheme about the way in which custody is provided across Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly and the scheme can be reintroduced at any time following appropriate risk assessments being undertaken

##### **4.2 Financial and Commercial – Current and Future**

The PCC's Chief Finance Officer and S151 Officer has advised that there are no financial considerations associated with this decision.

#### **5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

*There are no supporting documents that relate to this decision*

#### **6. OFFICIAL APPROVAL**

6.1 Following the appropriate approval, this decision sheet will be published, subject to FOIA classification, on the OPCC website.

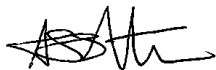
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The Recommendation for Decision as outlined in this report is formally approved and subject to Freedom of Information Classification will be published on the OPCC website:

**Police and Crime Commissioner**

**Governance Signature by  
Monitoring Officer**




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