

Humberside Police



East Riding Independent Advisory Group

Thursday 20 November 2025 between 6:30pm to 8:30pm via
Microsoft Teams

Humberside Police: Superintendent Clair Tindall, Chief Inspector Alisha Dixon, Inspector Carly Ives, Inspector Ian Foster, Sgt Georgina Kirkwood, PC Carl Osler, PCSO Jess Watts, PCSO Michelle Cooper, PCSO Liz Johnson

11 members of public in attendance (including Chair).

1 Partner Agency Attendee.

Apologies Received - 16

Meeting Minutes

- **Welcome – Chair**
- **Chair/Vice Chair Update – Chair**
Relevant Points Recorded:
 - Chair starts by explaining the new quarterly meeting format for 2026.
 - Chair then talks about them being accepted as a member of the National IAG executive committee and provides the following update:
 - o The most recent NIAG was held in London and was the first since Covid attracting 40 in person and between 150-200 online.
 - o IAG's across forces are varied in what they look like and deliver with some on a par with Humberside and others behind. Humberside is seen as being ahead generally in terms of IAG development.
 - o There is a need for guidance and structure for IAGS, however, it cannot be a one shoe fits all approach.
 - o The National IAG will be developing guidance to support consistency and structure across the IAG network.
 - o Humberside will have a voice on the executive committee and will be represented on the National stage

Actions raised:

- None

- **Approval of minutes from last meeting – Chair**

Relevant Points Recorded:

- Chair approves relevant points from prior meeting as being accurate.

Actions raised:

- None

- **Action Update – PC Osler**

Outstanding Actions Reviewed:

- One Action to remain.

- **Custody Input – Chief Inspector Alisha Dixon**

Relevant Points Recorded:

- Two suites operating
 - o Birchin Way, Grimsby which has 36 Cells
 - o Clough Road, Hull which has 39 Cells.
 - o There is also a Resilience Suite which can be used when operationally necessary.
- A two-minute virtual tour of a custody suite was then played to those in attendance.
- Custody Officers – sergeant or warranted officer are trained and accredited
- Custody Staff are presented with circumstances and necessity of arrest.
- A custody sergeant has to decide whether there is a lawful and justified reason for an arrested person to be detained in custody and document why.
- Custody staff are responsible for ensuring detainees are given their legal rights and able to fulfil them unless grounds exist to delay.
- An arrested person can be detained in custody for up to 24hours, but this can be extended by a Superintendent for up to 36hrs or 96hrs if granted by magistrate.
- All detainees have the same basic rights and entitlements and are given a copy of their rights whilst detained - if not an English speaker, the same leaflet is given in their native language
- All detainees must be visited at least once in every sixty-minute period and can be visited more frequently if there are risks identified
- Any detainee who is intoxicated through drink or drugs must be roused every 30 minutes until no further concerns present themselves
- Healthcare Professionals (HCP) are on duty in the suites 24/7.
- Liaison and Diversion (L&D) provide support for detainees who need referrals following their release from custody.
- Detainees who have additional requirements will have their needs met as fully as is reasonably possible.
- Use of distraction items can be used to reduce the detainees risk level
- Juvenile detainees must be visited at least once every 30 minutes
- Humberside Police have recently trialled the use of tablets in custody for children
- Custody Suites provide easy read rights and entitlements books and video books
- An appropriate adult scheme is provided
- Child first considerations to minimise the number of children spending the night in custody
- Child detainees are accompanied through processes with an appropriate adult

- Custody Suites offer food provisions for those with food allergies and dietary requirements.
- Each detainee offered two light meals and one main meal per day; hot drinks offered at regular intervals and a drink of water upon request
- Custody suites store a selection of religious materials for detainees who wish to use them.
- All cells have a sink with clean water and hand soap
- Female hygiene products are available for detainees use at both custody suites.
- Detainees are offered showers and exercise (depending on risk)
- Custody Suites have access to telephone interpreters with in-person interpreters used for official processes
- Typical timeline in custody outlined
- Ethnicity Data breakdown of those detained in custody provided.
- Complaints procedure explained

Points raised:

- If there are people on regular medication, is there a quick way of supply if needed?
- What is the ratio of people in custody to staff, considering the 30-minute rules for checking on people?
- What are the occupancy stats for the custody suites?
- Are you well within those limits, or do you often find yourself full?
- Do you provide custody rights information in alternative formats such as large print, Braille, and audio?
- If someone comes into custody and their language is not supported, what happens?

Actions raised:

- The issue of language accessibility will be taken away for review and improvement.
- An offer was made by the Chair and a second IAG attendee to assist with accessibility advice if needed.
- Action tasked to Chief Inspector Dixon to progress

- **A.O.B**

- 2026 meeting dates provided.
- An outline of the forces Blues & Views Vodcast series was provided which included an offer inviting IAG members to become part of it. Any interested parties to contact PC Osler for more details.
- PC Osler informs the group that he will be leaving his current role at the end of the year and is due to start a new position within Humberside Police as a safer school's officer from the 5 January 2026.

Next Meeting: Thursday 26 February 2026