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REPORT TO: Strategic Scrutiny Meeting

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SUBJECT: Independent Custody Visitor Scheme.

1. Issue for Consideration

1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Commissioner in respect of the Independent Custody Visitors Scheme.

2. Recommendation

2.1. The Commissioner is asked to consider the report.

3. Background

3.1 The attached report covers the Quarter 2 period - 1st July 2018 to the 30th September 2018 and provides an analysis of the Independent Custody Visiting Scheme in Lancashire. The management of an effective Custody Visiting Scheme is a statutory function of the Police & Crime Commissioner's Office and serves to raise public awareness on the rights, entitlements, health and wellbeing of people held in police custody.

3.2 The Police & Crime Commissioner's Office, through its management of the Scheme, plays an active role in promoting fair treatment for people in police custody, ensuring that issues relating to individuals or the custody environment are addressed appropriately. As can be seen from the analysis provided on visits undertaken, the Scheme is running effectively and is well placed to continue in its aim of reassuring the public in Lancashire that independent oversight of police detention centres is robust and effective.

4. Implications

- 4.1 The Police Reform & Social Responsibility Act placed a statutory obligation on all PCCs in England and Wales to have in place an effective independent Custody Visiting Scheme.

5. Links to Police & Crime Plan

5.1 Contributes to the delivery of transparency and openness for the organisation and provides assurance for the protection of vulnerable people.

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