GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE AUTHORITY BRIEFING PAPER

PREPARED FOR: British Transport Police

SUBJECT: Independent Custody Visiting Scheme

The purpose of this Briefing Paper is to update British Transport Police on Independent Custody Visits that have taken place between 1st October 2009 to 31st December 2009 at the custody facility at Piccadilly Train Station, Manchester.

Number of Visits

In agreement with British Transport Police, Independent Custody Visitors are scheduled to visit the BTP facility once every 4 weeks on a random basis.

During this period, 1 custody visit has taken place, and a further visit was abandoned due to adverse weather conditions.

Issues Raised

No issues have been raised during this period.

There were no issues regarding access on the visit that took place and no detainees were in custody at the time of the visit.

Independent Custody Visitors have been asked to ensure that any abandoned or rescheduled visits are undertaken at the earliest opportunity, so that the custody facility is regularly inspected.

Recommendations

BTP are asked to note this report.

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