

Independent advisory panel on non-compliance management (IAPNCM)

21 Oct, 09:00-10:30

2MS, 5th Floor, Fry Building SE (F525 SE)

Teleconference minutes

Present

Akash Chand (AC), Daniel Albert (DA), David Chinn (DC), Kevin Lockyer (KL), June-Alison Sealy (JAS), Stephen Shaw (SS).

1. Apologies

Richard Shepherd (RTS), Mandy Simmons (MS).

2. Minutes of 15 Oct

SS advised that the minutes were in draft form and had not been approved by the chair. The panel agreed that they were a broadly accurate account of the previous meeting but needed SS highlighted some amendments in the drafting. SS said he would revise and, subject to panel approval, forward to AC to publish on the webpage.

Action 1: SS to amend minutes.

3. Matters arising and action points

In relation to action point 2 of the 15th October meeting, AC confirmed this was ongoing.

SS highlighted action point 4 of the 15th October meeting and said this could be closed.

With regard to action point 8 of the 15th October meeting, AC commented that he will distribute electronic and hard copies of volume 5 to the panel this week. SS said that volume 5 would not be considered at the next meeting in order to give colleagues more time to review its content.

Action 2: AC to send electronic and hard copies of volume 5.

SS highlighted action point 9 of the 15th October meeting and said this could be closed.

4. Volume 4

SS introduced the volume by commenting that the panel were aware it was an early draft.

DA remarked that this volume brought together restraint and first aid. However, it was too theoretical, there were issues with presentation/structure and parts were missing.

DA said that when being taught this element of the package, DCOs should get a sense that people can die in their hands. This point should be emphasised, and it should also enable DCOs to appreciate whether their actions are safe or not.

DC agreed that the volume was fairly theoretical. He said that he liked the illustrations and felt that these were far better than written explanations. He said that he was uncertain as to whether the trainers would be able to answer medical questions.

DC said that parts of the volume did not link to volume 5. He said that the section on oxygen levels was not essential but that it put things into perspective for the trainee. On a whole, while there were elements missing from the volume and that work was needed, it did not require fully reworking.

KL agreed that this volume did not link with volume 5. He said that it appeared to be pitched at the correct level for its target audience, and that learners needed to understand the risks associated with the techniques. KL commented that the presentation was poor, but that as it was an early draft he did not attach a lot of weight to this.

JAS said that she was disappointed with the volume. She queried why it was an early draft, bearing in mind that the panel had met with the medical advisers in early August. JAS felt that more progress could have been made. She agreed that it did not link to volume 5 and was woolly in places.

SS commented that he too found it dull to read and difficult to distinguish where more important matters were emphasised.

KL remarked that he did not feel there was an issue with the content, but that it had been presented badly.

JAS said that the volume mentioned a section where DCOs would have to take an exam. SS commented that the panel would need to know what is included in the exam, to confirm which questions are relevant. The panel would also need to know how the exam will be assessed, whether it contained multiple choice questions, the pass mark, and who will mark it.

KL queried whether the exam could result in a pass or fail. If it did, this would be encouraging. KL added that this is the only volume where an exam has been mentioned.

DC queried whether DCO trainers would have the knowledge to teach topics such as sickle cell anaemia. DA commented that the service provider may choose to employ an external body to teach this volume to DCOs, e.g. the British Red Cross or St. John's Ambulance.

SS remarked that it would be helpful for the panel to draft their initial comments regarding volume 4 and then review them at the next meeting. JAS volunteered to draft the Panel's initial comments on volume 4.

SS asked AC to inform NOMS that the Panel's comments on volume 4 would be sent to them by the middle of next week.

Action 3: AC to inform NOMS when they should expect volume 4 comments.

Action 4. JAS to draft comments on Volume 4.

5. AOB

KL said that he would attempt to complete the first part of the Panel's final report this week.

An agenda for the next meeting was agreed.

SS said that he had distributed material sent by Brook House regarding body worn cameras. He said the cameras were very helpful and found it difficult to see why other agencies, such as the police, did not use them.

SS commented that the Home Office's comments regarding volume 7 had also been distributed.

AC said that he had received an email from MS and Mark Ellis asking whether the Panel would like to observe a demonstration of an aircraft aisle chair. The Panel commented that they would like to observe a demonstration, most likely on 2nd December when they are attending Virgin Atlantic. But first they would like more information as to its function and of how/when it can be used.

Action 5: AC to query usage of aircraft aisle chair.

DA queried whether the overnight meetings/demonstrations in February were still in place. SS confirmed this. SS said that overnight accommodation has also been booked for the Panel on 2nd December in order to have a full discussion regarding the demonstrations.

DC said he would like to know how frequently the National Offender Management Service (NOMS) now expected the waist restraint belt to be used. JAS commented that she was still unclear of how disruptive detainees were to be safely transported up aeroplane stairs if they were wearing the belt.

Action 7: AC to write to NOMS regarding waist restraint belt and transporting detainees up aeroplane stairs.

The meeting was closed.

Next meeting via teleconference: Monday 28th October.