

Independent advisory panel on non-compliance management (IAPNCM)

12 Nov, 09:00-10:30

2MS, Fry building, Floor 1, Room F130 NW

Teleconference minutes

Present

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

1. Apologies

All colleagues were present.

2. Minutes of 4 November

The Panel approved the minutes subject to minor redrafting.

Action 1: SS to amend minutes and AC to publish.

3. Matters arising and action log

Regarding action point 4 of the 4 November meeting, AC and MS confirmed that this was still ongoing.

Action point 3 of the 4 November meeting was highlighted, and MS confirmed that a 'Proof of Concept' booklet had been received from NOMS regarding the aircraft aisle chair. AC advised he would distribute this to colleagues. The consensus view was that the Panel was not opposed to use of the aisle chair in principle, but it was very late in the process for NOMS to suggest another piece of equipment.

Action 2: AC to distribute aircraft aisle chair booklet.

JAS said that the time within which the Home Office had to respond to the Coroner's rule 43 letter had now expired. MS advised that it had been sent and the Panel asked for sight of this.

Action 3: AC to forward the rule 43 response to the Panel.

Members of the Panel said that they would like the new version of volume 2 and 3 sent in hard copy, for discussion at the next meeting.

Action 4: AC to send new version of volume 2 and 3 in hard copy.

4. NOMS response to Panel comments on Vol 6

The Panel discussed the response to the comments on volume 6 at length. The Panel highlighted the discrepancies in NOMS's timetable, and repeated their concerns about the package being completed in time.

It appeared that NOMS did not understand some of the points made by the Panel, and it was agreed that SS would write to Stuart Hardy to help provide clarification.

Action 5: SS to write to Stuart Hardy regarding volume 6 comments.

5. NOMS response to Panel comments on Vol 7

The Panel discussed the comments on volume 7 and said that they would like to have sight of the use of force form. The Panel also noted that running a pilot to assess how the use of force form operated in practice had not yet been instigated.

It was noted that NOMS seemed to prefer the example of the Sussex Police regarding use of force report writing rather than the advice of the Panel. Sections of the response from NOMS appeared still to be about justifying one's actions rather than providing a full, clear and objective account of events, and this was not acceptable.

6. Best use of December 2 at Virgin, Gatwick

The Panel agreed that they would like the aircraft aisle chair demonstrated on 2 December, and were keen to see scenarios whereby an individual is transported up and down aircraft steps. The Panel also mentioned that they would like a demonstration on handcuffs as part of the scenarios, and would like all demonstrations to be more realistic.

The Panel discussed NOMS's failure yet to provide scenarios. KL agreed to suggest brief descriptions of scenarios to be forwarded to NOMS for demonstration on 2 December.

Action 6: KL to suggest brief descriptions of scenarios for NOMS to demonstrate on 2 December.

7. Volume 5 (continued)

The Panel discussed the comments on the revised volume 5. RTS and JAS highlighted an amendment each, and SS and RTS said they would like sight in hardcopy of the handcuffs section.

Action 7: AC to send section on handcuffs to SS and RTS.

8. AOB

There was no further business and the meeting was closed.

Next meeting via teleconference: 18 November.