

Independent Advisory Panel on Non-Compliance Management (IAPNCM)

3 March, 2MS, Room P427 NW, 09:00-10:30

Present

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

1. Apologies

Daniel Albert (DA).

2. Minutes of 24th February

The Panel approved the minutes subject to some minor corrections. SS said he would make the necessary changes so that they could be published on the IAPNCM webpage.

Action 1: SS to amend the minutes of 24th February.

3. Matters arising and action log

The Panel agreed that actions 5 and 7 of the 24th February meeting could now be closed.

Regarding action 3 of the 24th February meeting, AC said that he had now received the Panel's new Home Office passes and would distribute them at the next meeting.

4. Project plan

The Panel reviewed the project plan. Most members had now received volume 5 which will be discussed at the next meeting.

5. Assessment pack

The Panel discussed the assessment pack and the proposed pass marks at some length. JAS queried whether additional exam papers were to follow.

The Panel highlighted the section on medical emergencies, and noted that simply checking an individual's breathing for 10 seconds may not be appropriate as some medical emergencies do not affect the breathing. It was suggested that this section be reworded.

The Panel discussed questions 1 and 2 of exam paper A, and queried whether trainee DCOs would fail if they did not achieve 100%.

KL noted that NOMS will be assessing the contractor, but it wasn't clear who would be assessing NOMS. MS said that the Home Office would query this.

KL said that it was now apparent what NOMS would like to assess and how they will do it. However, there was no transparency surrounding the scenarios; for example, it is not known what 'positive social behaviour' means in the context. KL commented that the questions should be better drafted.

KL also highlighted the appeals process, noting that it involved the Head of NTRG. He asked whether NOMS would have a permanent role in HOMES after roll-out. MS said that NOMS will assess and award the use of force licences and, as a consequence, their involvement will be permanent.

6. Volume 6

The Panel proposed some minor rewording but said that they were very pleased with this version of the volume.

7. Volume 7

The Panel were unanimously content with this volume and had no further comments.

8. AOB

The Panel were grateful to have received Sanjay Bhasin's CV but did not feel that further information or a meeting was required.

JAS suggested some minor rewording to the scenario pack.

The Panel briefly discussed their final report and thanked KL for the excellent state of the draft at this stage.

SS proposed a number of recommendations to be included in the report. He asked members of the Panel to pay particular attention to other recommendations they wished to make.

Action 2: Panel members to propose recommendations for the final report.

The Panel asked the Secretariat to obtain the most recent Use of Force statistics for inclusion in the report.

Action 3: The Secretariat to obtain the most recent UoF statistics.

The Panel asked for sight of the Tascor Initial Training Course timetable.

Action 4: The Secretariat to share details of the Tascor ITC.

There was no further business and the meeting was closed.

Next meeting: Monday 10th March.