

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY'S INDEPENDENT CUSTODY VISITING SCHEME

Applications are sought from people from all walks of life who wish to be considered for appointment to the voluntary position of Custody Visitor. Custody Visitors are people drawn from local communities who, as part of a team, carry out unannounced visits to police stations in their areas to check and report on the welfare of people being held in custody.

Applications are invited from people of 18 years and above who:-

- Are impartial and concerned for the welfare of others;
- Are discreet;
- Have the ability to work as part of a team;
- Have effective communication skills, both oral and written;
- Can meet the time commitment required by custody visitors;

The Custody Visiting Scheme is administered by the Humberside Police Authority. Visitors are required to carry out visits in accordance with rosters set by the Authority (**a minimum number of 6 visits per annum is required**). They will also be expected to attend regular meetings of their Custody Visiting Panel.

Appointments are subject to a six-month probationary period. Training will be provided and mileage costs will be paid along with out of pocket expenses.

The Humberside Police Authority Custody Visiting Scheme is independent of the police. Please note that police officers, individuals closely related to police officers, police support staff, special constables, magistrates, solicitors, Police Authority members and staff of the Police Authority Secretariat are not eligible to become Custody Visitors.

An application form can be obtained by writing to:-

**Victoria Wise
Consultation and Partnership Officer
Humberside Police Authority
Pacific Exchange
40 High Street
Kingston upon Hull
HU1 1PS**

Telephone: 01482 307234

Email: victoria.wise@humberside.pnn.police.uk

Application forms must be sent to the above address.

Selection of Custody Visitors is made on merit and regardless of political opinion, gender, marital status, ethnicity, disability, age or sexual orientation.