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POLICE AND CRIME  
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## SUMMARY DECISION SHEET

**Purpose:** Commissioner Decision – Ref DLI163

**Timing:** Routine

**Title:** Independent Custody Observers Pilot

**Category of Decision / Business Area Impact:** Finance

**Executive Summary:**

Dyfed-Powys Independent Custody Visiting scheme is taking part in a national pilot being led by the Independent Custody Visiting Association (ICVA). The Pilot is split into two phases. Phase 1 commenced in September 2019 which allows Independent Custody Visitors (ICVs) to review custody records of those who have been identified as vulnerable in order to get a better insight into the totality of care extended to vulnerable Detained Persons, considering their full journey through custody.

Phase 2 is due to commence in January 2020 and this will include some changes to ICV visits to custody. As part of the pilot, ICVs will be able with the consent of the detainees review the booking in and release procedures within custody. ICVs will answer specific questions on these procedures, with the focus being on the wellbeing of detainees and ensuring that their rights have been upheld.

**Recommendation:**

That Dyfed-Powys take part in the second phase of the Independent Custody Observers Pilot.

**Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys**

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Nolan Principles for Conduct in Public Life.

The above request has my approval.

**Signature:**

**Date:** 29/01/2020