



CPCG Custody Presentation

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HMIC / HMIP Inspection

- HMIC / HMIP visited custody suites in Lambeth between 15 and 19 June 2009.
- The report detailed 62 recommendations.
- The recommendations fell into four areas : Strategic, Treatment and Conditions, Individual Rights and Health Care.
- This presentation intends to update CPCG as to current position and actions taken by Lambeth Police

Lambeth Custody Suites

- Cell space on Lambeth is divided between three sites : Streatham has five cells and one detention room, Brixton fourteen cells and two detention rooms, Kennington has nine cells and two detention rooms.
- Last year there were **14510** individuals arrested and brought into Lambeth Custody Suites : Brixton 6537, Kennington 4870 and Streatham 3103.
- Southwark custody total 16949, Westminster 14597 and Tower Hamlet 12339.
- Custody suites on Lambeth closed for four weeks for upgrades during which detainees taken to Southwark or Westminster custody suites.

Strategic Recommendations

- Dedicated MPS custody command to ensure consistent management
- MPA custody lead
- Circulation of good practise
- Appropriate Adult scheme
- Digital CCTV at Brixton
- Improved system for managing CCTV at Streatham and Kennington



Treatment & Conditions

- Disabled prisoner access
- Health and safety
- Clothing for detainees
- Graffiti
- Fire drills
- Visits
- Washing



Individuals Rights

- Interpreting service
- Privacy – booking in and phone calls
- Interview rooms – space, furniture, soundproofing
- DNA samples – taking, storage, submission and security
- PACE – legal rights, 17/18 year old detainees, NSPIS records
- Complaints – systems and monitoring
- Pre-release risk management
- Virtual Courts – expediting CJ process

Health Care

- There were 11 recommendations in relation to health care.
- These recommendations are being dealt with by the Emerald Custody Team and Forensics Medical Service on a strategic level.