



Request for decision: **D23-2017**

Subject matter: Spitguards

Executive summary:

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) raised his concerns around recent media activity during which he learnt of the Constabulary's intention to mount a trial of spitguards in the custody unit. The PCC had received no briefing or communication about this matter. The PCC queried what consultation had taken place with others, e.g. Independent Custody Visitors, Independent Advisory Group members, but it became clear that much of the necessary work had not been completed.

Recommendations (with reasons for that recommendation)

That the Chief Constable pause any trial until he is satisfied all the policies, consultation and safeguards are in place, before taking a final decision.

Police and Crime Commissioner

The above request has my approval.

Signed:

Date: 23 May 2017