

Scrutiny Blog

March 2026

Introduction

Hello everyone, and welcome to the March edition of our volunteer blog. My name is Vincent Leyenda, and I am the Assurance and Volunteer supervisor here at the OPCC Humberside. Over Christmas I made some avatars of myself and colleagues, and yes, that's me as a duck. It's a great time yet again to celebrate the dedication of our volunteers and share the latest updates on our panels and ICV scheme. We also have an interview with our Assurance Administrator Meg, and yes, that is her as a cat on the next page.



Social Media

2026 saw our office launch a new Tik Tok and Instagram page, the later with a focus on our scrutiny work. We are seeing great engagement on these channels, and I urge you to like & follow. So far, we have recorded videos in our custody suite in Hull, pushed one of our newest campaigns called 'The Better Man', and recorded some interviews with staff in the office (including yours truly). Find out more via the QR codes to the left..



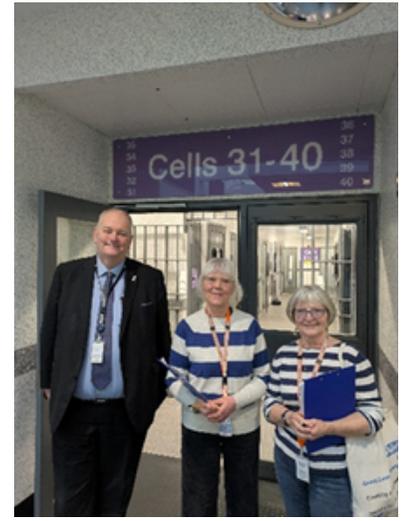
A new Panel – The Independent Conduct & Standards Scrutiny Panel

In February we held the first meeting of another new scrutiny panel, this one with a focus on Police conduct and standards. This panel is made up of the existing chairs from our other panels, and they will delve into police misconduct, complaints and look at the general standards held by Humberside Police. We will aim to share more details on the findings and outcomes from this panel soon

The PCC visits Custody

In March, the PCC Jonathan Evison, accompanied two of our amazing Independent Custody Visitors to Clough Road Custody Suite. Jonathan wanted to watch our volunteers in action. Our ICVs visit custody weekly to check on the standards of the suite, and the welfare of those detained.

The visit was a great success and highlighted both the amazing work our volunteers undertake, but also the high standards Humberside Police are working to.



Meet our Assurance Administrator

Meg is our Assurance Administrator and has been with the OPCC for almost 4 years now. Our volunteers know Meg as the cement that holds the bricks together for our ICV scheme and scrutiny panels. She ensures we have everything we need to do our work effectively.

We sat down with Meg for a quick interview, to reflect on her time at the OPCC.



We started by asking Meg, what do you love most about your job?

I love the team and the people I meet. Everyone is so supportive. I also love having a brew and natter when I can.

What is something you know now that you didn't know before you started at the OPCC?

It has surprised me just how committed volunteers are, especially our teams. They are a vital piece of the puzzle in what we do at the OPCC, and I hope they realise that.

What advice would you give to 2022 Meg?

Don't worry about things you can't control & do whatever makes you happy

Finally, we asked Meg the hardest of all questions - crisps or chocolate, and why?

I can't choose; I would like salty crisps dipped in chocolate!!

All of us at the OPCC are super proud of Meg and the work she has done in the past 4 years. We have seen her blossom into someone full of confidence and ambition. Thank you once again Meg!

Shameless Plug for a charity event

Endometriosis isn't just "a bad period"—it's a chronic, often agonising condition that affects every aspect of a person's life.

I've seen first-hand the strength it takes to live with this disease through my wife's long-term battle, and on March 29th, I'm stepping up to show that she—and the 1 in 10 others affected—don't have to walk alone.

Vin-Ten-Endo is my way of standing up to this awful condition. Starting at 10:00 AM, I will be crossing the Humber Bridge 10 times—almost half a marathon, for a cause that hits close to home (and I will do so dressed as Super Mario).

I'm raising money for a local support charity called Hey Endo, to ensure that no one has to suffer in silence or without support.

Whether you can donate the price of a coffee or simply share my page, your support means the world to us.

Let's bridge the gap in Endo care, one crossing at a time.

More details and ways to donate can be found here:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/vintenendo-walking-for-hey-endo>



In Closing

Once again, all of us at the OPCC want to say a heartfelt thank you to every volunteer — those who have been involved for years, those who joined recently, and everyone in between.

Your time, insight, and commitment help make Humberside a safer, fairer place.

If you, or someone you know, would like to get involved, we welcome expressions of interest all year round. Please complete a form via our website here - <https://www.humberside-pcc.gov.uk/volunteer-with-opcc>

Stay safe, stay involved, and thank you again for everything.
Vince

Finally....

Please contact me via email for more information on our available volunteer roles on pcc@humberside.pnn.police.uk