

Scrutiny Blog

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Introduction

Hello everyone, and welcome to the June edition of our volunteer blog. My name is Vincent Leyenda, and I am the Assurance and Volunteer Supervisor here at the OPCC for Humberside. The last 3 months have been as exciting as the change in the weather, and I hope you enjoy reading about some of the amazing work our volunteers undertake.



Volunteer Week and Thank You Event

The 1st-7th June 2026 marked National Volunteers Week. All of us at the OPCC, want to extend a heartfelt thank you to every individual who give up their time to support our work. Our exceptional volunteers play a crucial role in ensuring transparency, fairness, and accountability within our local justice system. By dedicating their valuable time to review police data, or check on the welfare of detainees, they provide a vital bridge between the Force and the communities we serve.



Their unwavering commitment, integrity, and passion actively make Humberside a safer, more transparent place for everyone. To show our appreciation for this dedication, we recently brought everyone together for a relaxed thank you evening. Hosted at the wonderful Back Room in Cottingham, the evening was all about taking a breather, enjoying some pizza, and catching up with one another.

It was a brilliant opportunity for our volunteers across different schemes to chat, share experiences, and connect in an informal setting. More than anything, it was a chance for us to say thank you and celebrate the impact their hard work has on the whole Humberside team.

We are pleased to reflect on another successful year for our Independent Custody Visitors

Our annual report provides a snapshot of the work of our team of custody visitors, which continues to be recognised with Platinum accreditation by the Independent Custody Visiting Association (ICVA).

The team make unannounced visits to the region's two custody suites, in Hull and Grimsby, to check and report on the welfare of those held there. More than 400 detainees were spoken to in the last year, to ensure their needs were met and welfare was in order.

To view our report for 2025/26, click [HERE](#).



Finally...

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 and thank you again for everything.

Vince