



CUMBRIA POLICE AUTHORITY

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We Need You To Be Independent Custody Visitors!

Cumbria Police Authority is looking for volunteers to join its Independent Custody Visiting Scheme.

The Police Authority is looking to recruit independent members of the community, who will make unannounced visits to police stations in Cumbria, to check on the welfare of people in custody. These visits, which are always made by pairs of Independent Custody Visitors, provide public reassurance and help the Police Authority to gain a clear insight, from an independent standpoint, into the running of custody facilities in the county.

Independent Custody Visitors must be impartial at all times. They don't take sides, but look, listen and report on what they find.

Independent Custody Visitors are volunteers who receive no payment, though their expenses are met. Training is provided before the Visitors are allowed to make any visits.

Anyone who is at least eighteen years of age and lives or works in Cumbria may apply. However, anyone in the police service, such as police officers, special constables, police staff and members of the Police Authority are ineligible. This is to ensure impartiality and maintain the integrity of the scheme.

To be appointed to the scheme, which operates throughout the County, applicants must complete an application form and attend for an interview. The closing date for applications is Wednesday 26 September 2007. Anyone requiring further information or an application form should contact –

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