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GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date: 20/08/2024

2024/730 - Statutory Duty Compliance (Custody Records)

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

- 1. Has your police force previously allowed (or otherwise permitted), and/or does it currently allow (or otherwise permit), the use of ellipses ("...") within custody records? Please confirm this explicitly with a 'yes' or a 'no' as your response.**

Statutory Requirements and Compliance:

Yes

- 2. Please provide a copy of your internal guidelines, guidance, policies, and procedures that relate to the accurate and complete recording of your Force's custody records in accordance with PACE Code C.**

No specific policy in relation to completion of custody records – Authorised Professional Practice (APP) is taught in custody courses and practises are in line with that.

- 3. Provide a copy of the specific internal directive, policy, guidance, and procedures (created and or updated within the last 5 years) that detail the permissible use of ellipses within your Force's custody records under your Force's internal guidelines and policies?**

We don't have a policy on use of ellipses.

Audit and Oversight:

- 4. Have there been any internal or external audits, reviews, or assessments of your Force's custody record practices (within the last 10 years or alternatively, and in the public interest, such lesser period or reduced outer limit of what your Force considers to be a reasonable time- frame)? If so, please provide copies of these documents.**

HMICFRS did a custody inspection in November 2021 – report published April 2022 available on HMICFRS website.

- 5. Has there been any correspondence, guidance, or instructions from oversight bodies such as the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC), Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) or Home Office regarding your Force's custody records? If so, please provide copies of these documents.**

No

Additional Information:

- 6. Please include all disclosable correspondence, directives, or communications which you hold that clarify the permissible practices for recording information in custody records under PACE Code C.**

See answer to question 2

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 15/08/2024