Independent Custody Visitors

Information on Disqualification

Age

Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age (there is no upper age limit) and be living or working within Lincolnshire and been resident in the UK for at least 2 years prior to the date of application.

Convictions

Persons who have either spent/unspent convictions for criminal offences may not be suitable. Relevant factors include the nature and number of any offences and how long ago they were committed. However, past offending is not an automatic barrier to acceptance as a visitor and each case is considered individually.

Note
Criminal records checks will be carried out on successful applicants to confirm the information on their application form is correct.

Other Exclusions

- It is important to avoid any potential conflict of interest. Officers/employees of the Police and Crime Commissioner/Force (including Special Constables and Police Community Support Officers) and Justices of the Peace, who have served within the last five years, will not be considered for participation in the scheme.

- Applications from others involved with the criminal justice system will be considered on an individual basis. For example, solicitors and members of the probation service may find the duties of a visitor conflicting with their professional responsibilities. However, there is no hard and fast rule in such cases and each application will be looked at on its individual merits, having regard to the public service principle of being seen to be independent and impartial.

- Candidates must be sufficiently mobile. The application form requests details of any disability and/or medical condition that could affect a candidate's ability to undertake custody visits.