

Outcomes and Learning Report

The information provided in this document provides the key learning and outcomes from the Custody and Detention External Advisory Panel (EAP).

The details in this report are based on the panel meetings that took place in September 2024 to January 2025:

Panel Overview

There were two panel meetings held during this period. The following items were reviewed:

- The Baird Report* for Greater Manchester Constabulary on the treatment of women and girls in police custody.
- Cases (dip sample) where custody staff/officers had to make “interventions to protect those detained in custody.

**Please note that while The Baird Report enquiry did not relate to Northumbria Police, it was felt important to benchmark Northumbria against recommendations made.*

Learning Outcomes

The panel identified the following learning points for the force:

1. More thorough rationale to be provided within the electronic custody records for Strip Searches.
2. Ensure standardised recording of information, for example timings and logging requests for a Mental Health Nurse.
3. Ensure standardised recording of the Medical and Support Assessment for consistency of information from both Liaison and Diversion staff and Custody staff.

Overall, panel members felt that Northumbria Police acted professionally and correctly in the dip sample cases provided, and that the actions taken were deemed appropriate, and the detainee care had been delivered well.