



Bedfordshire Independent Custody Detention Scrutiny Panel

March 2025 Bulletin

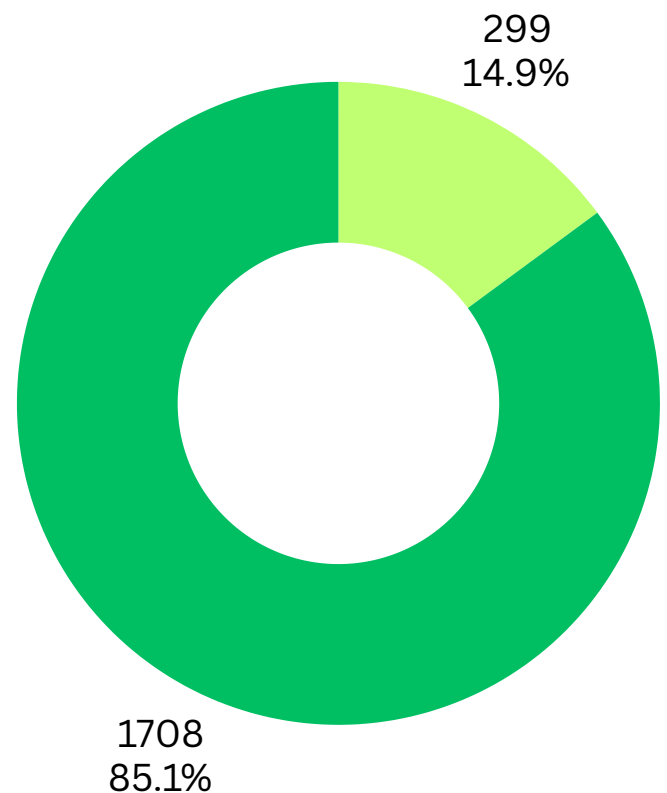


This Quarters Custody Data

The custody unit at Luton Police Station closed for 14 weeks as part of a major refurbishment. Luton closed mid January and is expected to reopen at the end of April 2025. The figures below includes Bedfordshire detainees who were sent to Hertfordshire as a result of the Luton custody closure.

 Kempston

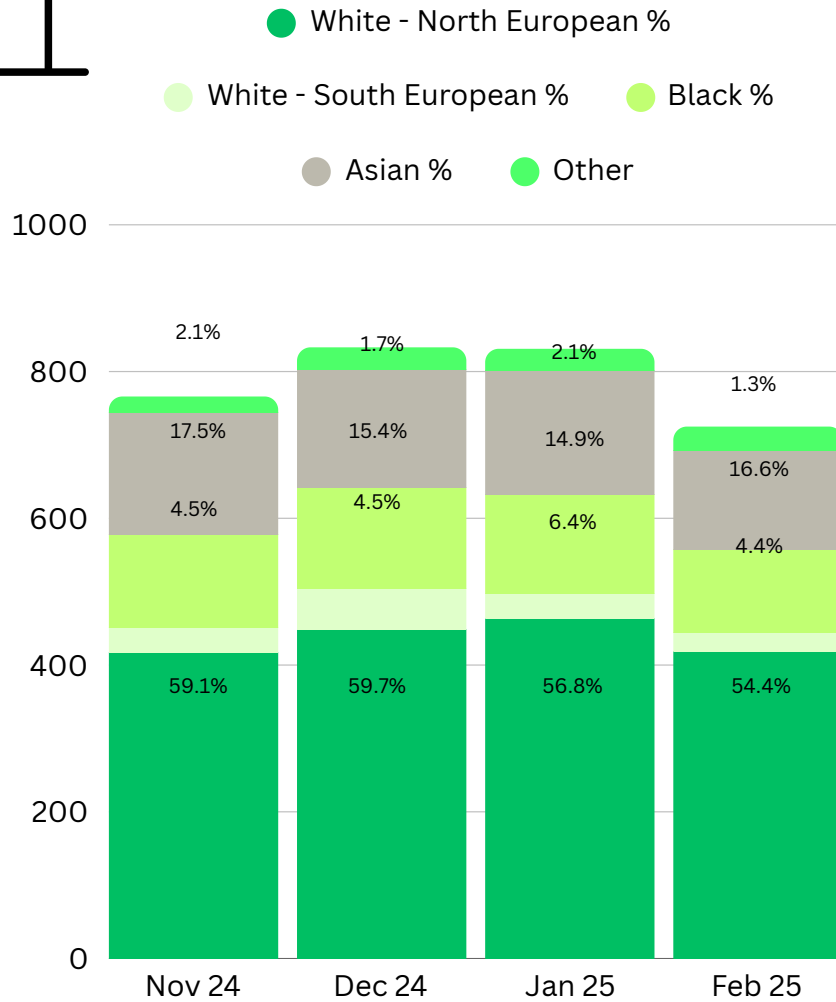
 Luton



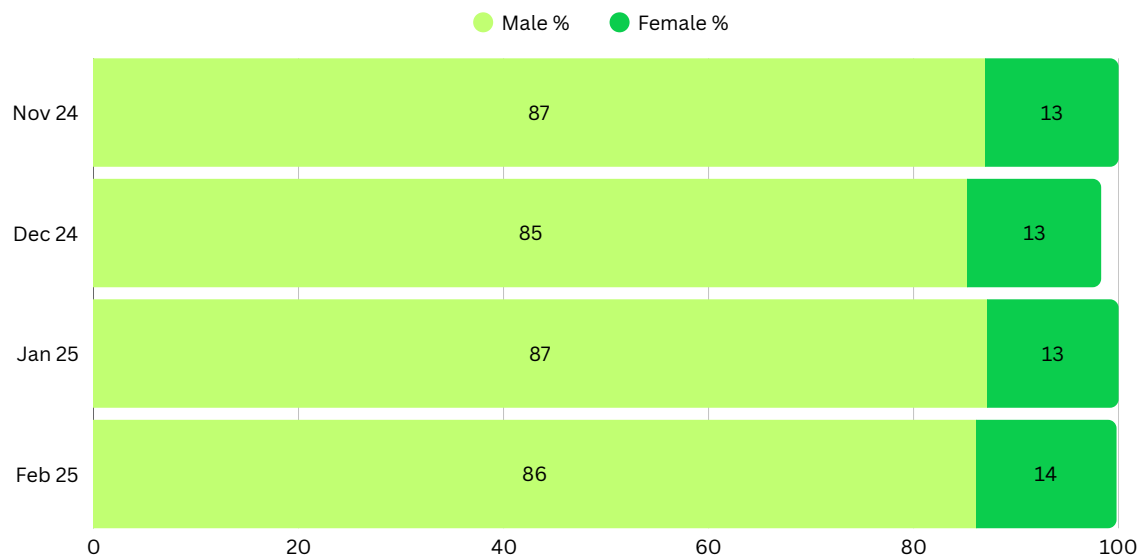
Month	Luton	Kempston	Beds detainees sent to Herts	Total
Jan 2025	299	488	57	844
Feb 2025	0	571	161	732
Mar 2025	0	649	119	768



Custody Data for this Quarter



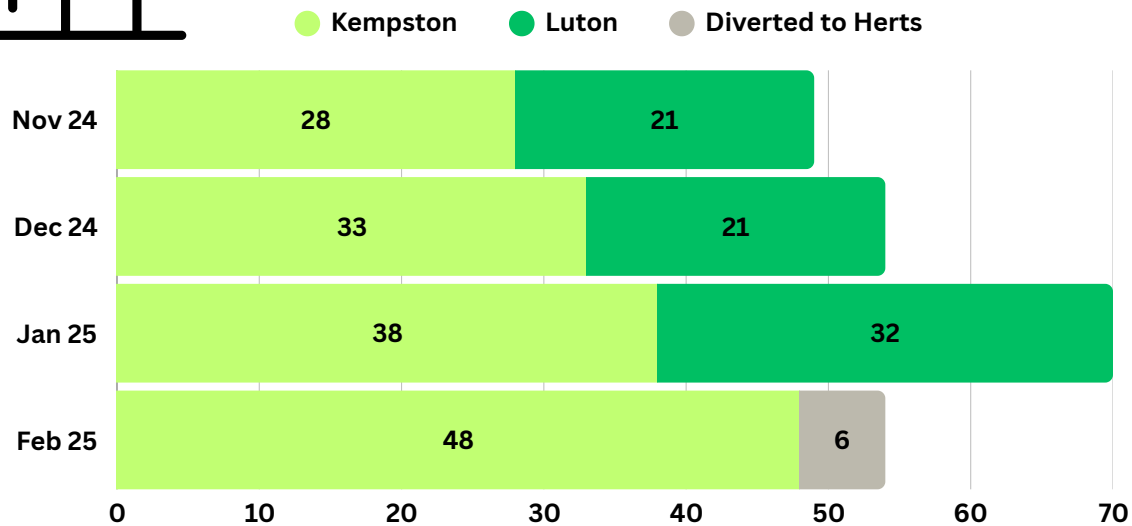
Graph showing custody detentions by officer defined ethnicity



Graph showing detainees according to gender



Custody Data for this Quarter



This graph shows the number of juveniles detained in custody.

The number of juveniles strip searches:

Strip Search in November:

- 1 Black male - 15 years old

Strip searches in December:

- 1 unknown male - 16 years old
- 1 Black male - 17 years old

Strip Searches in October:

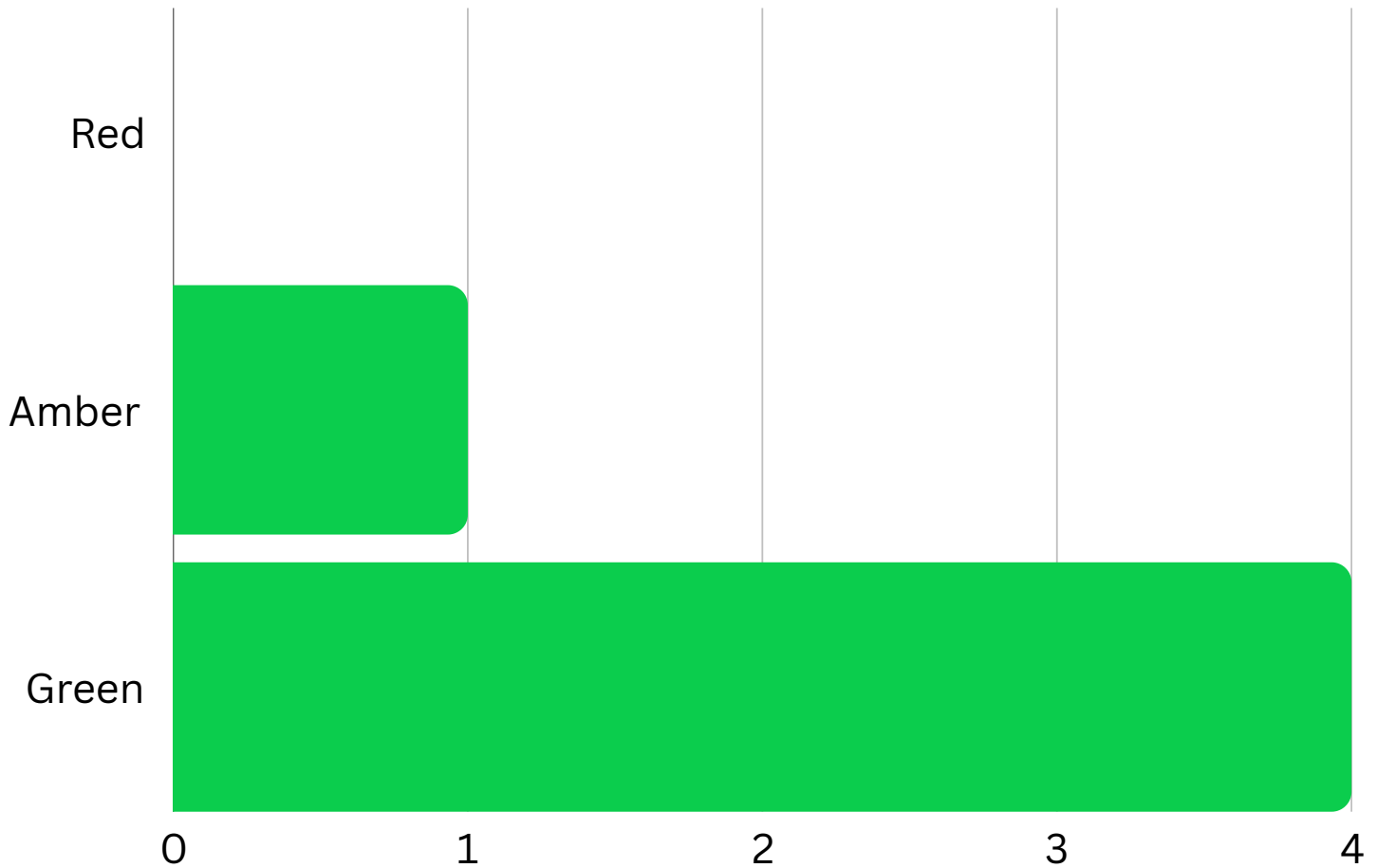
- 1 Black male - 15 years old
- 2 Black males - 16 years old
- 1 White South European male - 16 years old
- 3 Asian males - 17 years old
- 1 Black males - 17 years old
- 2 White North European males - 17 years old

Strip Searches in :

- 1 Asian male - 17 years old
- 1 Black male - 17 years old
- 1 unknown male - 17 years old
- 1 White South European male - 17 years old

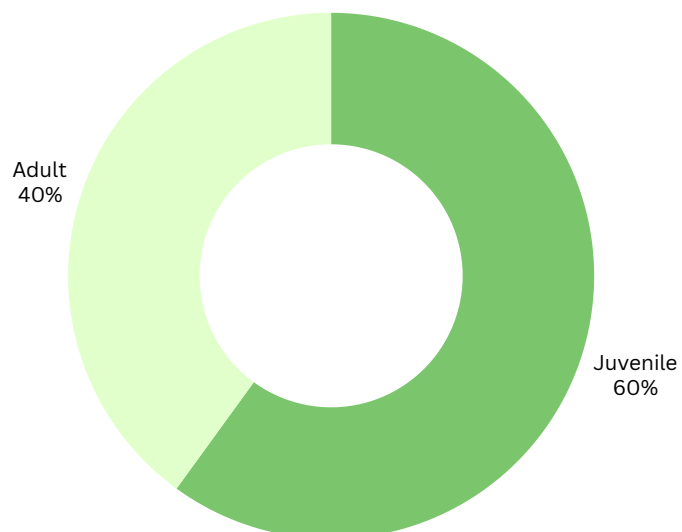
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Custody Records were viewed this quarter



The above graph shows the gradings given to the custody records seen by panel members.

The panel have reviewed 3 juvenile cases and 2 adult cases. Majority of these cases involved the authorisation of a strip search which is an area of focus.



Feedback on Custody Records

Panel member thought the time taken for an AA to arrive was a long time.

DP was at a level 4 observation due to being a juvenile and intoxicated. The juvenile was observed through the hatch at 6:09, however the custody record states that they remain a level 4 observation at 6:35. This is not an appropriate observation for a level 4 detainee.

In addition, the detainee was then graded down to a level 1 at 8:10. There was no gradual de-escalation. Each level should have been recorded whilst the risk went down.

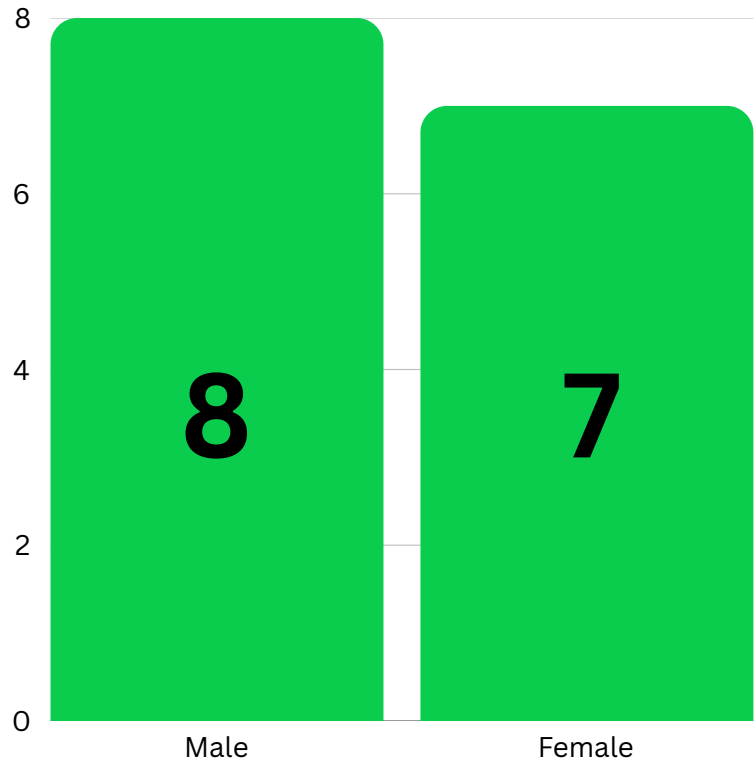
All rights were given, wash was offered, food and drink were given.

No concerns from panel member.

There were a lot of comments stating 'tasks were carried out and not recorded' – therefore it was difficult for panel members to tell when food and drink were offered/given.

Recruitment

15
volunteers



One of our aims is to continue to recruit from diverse backgrounds so that we can accurately represent the community of Bedfordshire.

This quarter we have recruited 3 new ICDSP members who have completed their training and will be attending the upcoming panel meetings.

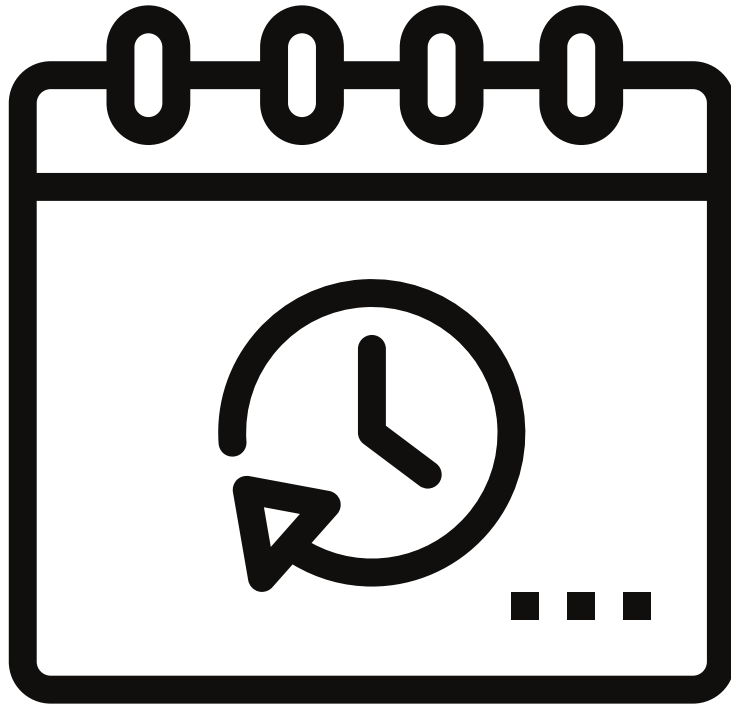


Updates

- Within January's meeting, the focus was to see how the panel can improve and develop following the end of the pilot scheme. Some useful points were made by panel members. As a result, meetings will be held on a bi-monthly basis with the aims to cover more custody records.
- In addition, panel members requested that the data offered to them should be more specific. Therefore, we have discussed with the custody inspectors how we can improve the data we receive. A suggestion was made to focus on a specific area each meeting, for example data on juveniles and vulnerable adults in one meeting and the next focus on use of force incidents in custody.



Dates for the Diary



ICDSP Meeting - Tuesday 20th May 2025

ICDSP Meeting - Tuesday 15th July 2025

ICDSP Meeting - Tuesday 23rd September 2025

ICDSP Meeting - Thursday 27th November 2025

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