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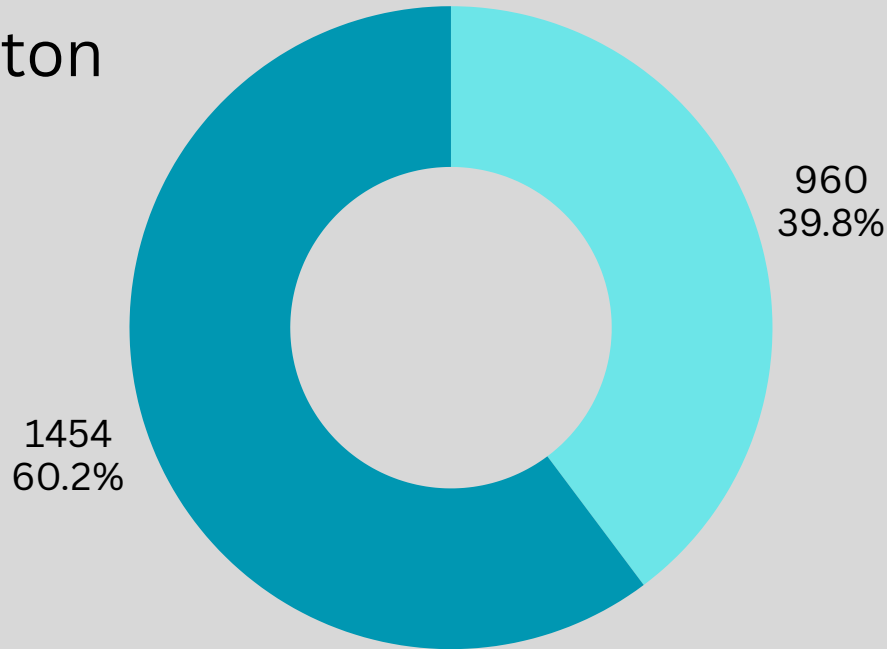
Bedfordshire Independent Custody Visiting Scheme

June 2025 Bulletin



This Quarters Custody Data

- Luton
- Kempston



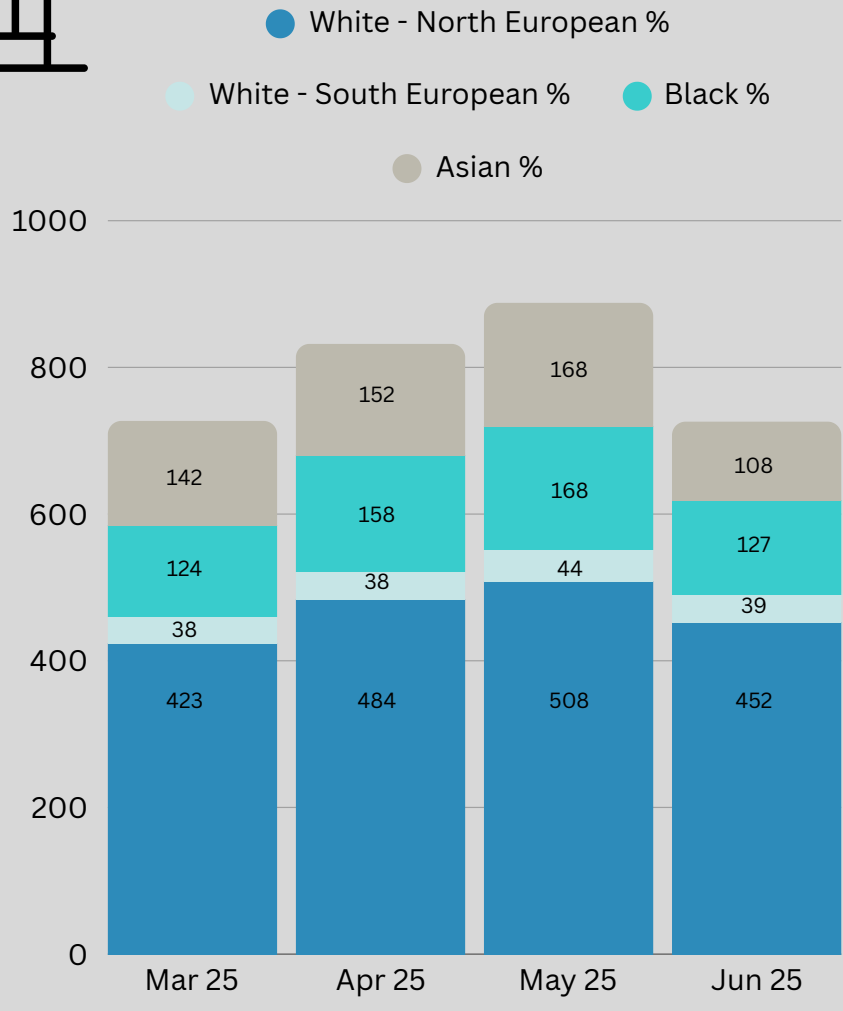
The chart above shows the number of detainees collectively within Luton and Kempston custody suites in April, May and June 2025. Overall there has been a total of 2,414 detainees held in Bedfordshire Police Custody over this quarter. Below shows a month by month breakdown.

Month	Luton	Kempston	Total
April 2025	87	619	706
May 2025	457	433	890
June 2025	416	402	818

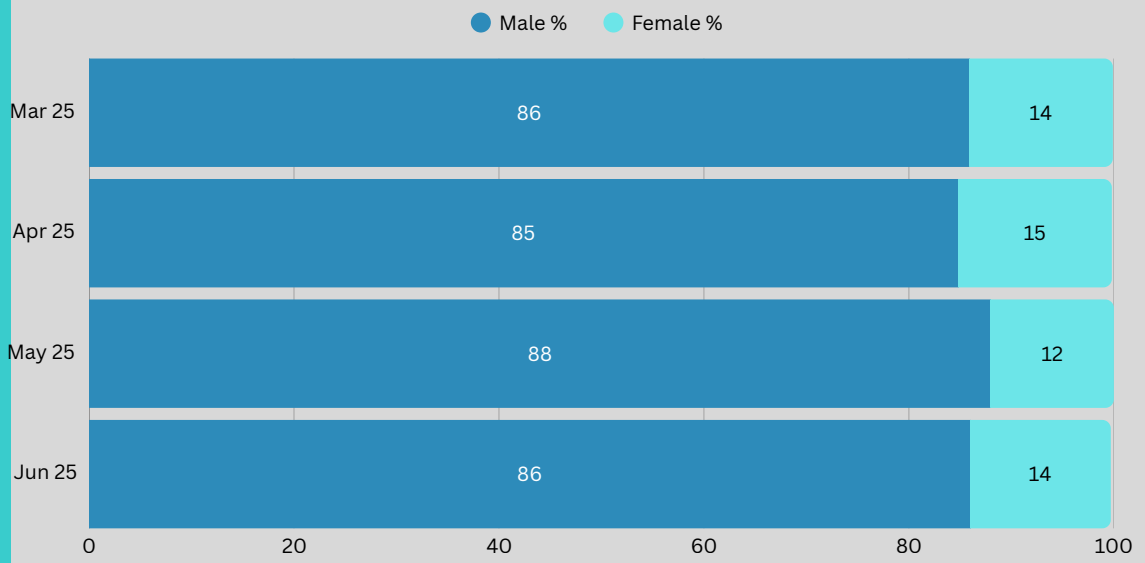
Please note that the figures for April may differ from the other months, as the Luton custody suite was temporarily closed for refurbishment during this time.



Custody Data for this Quarter



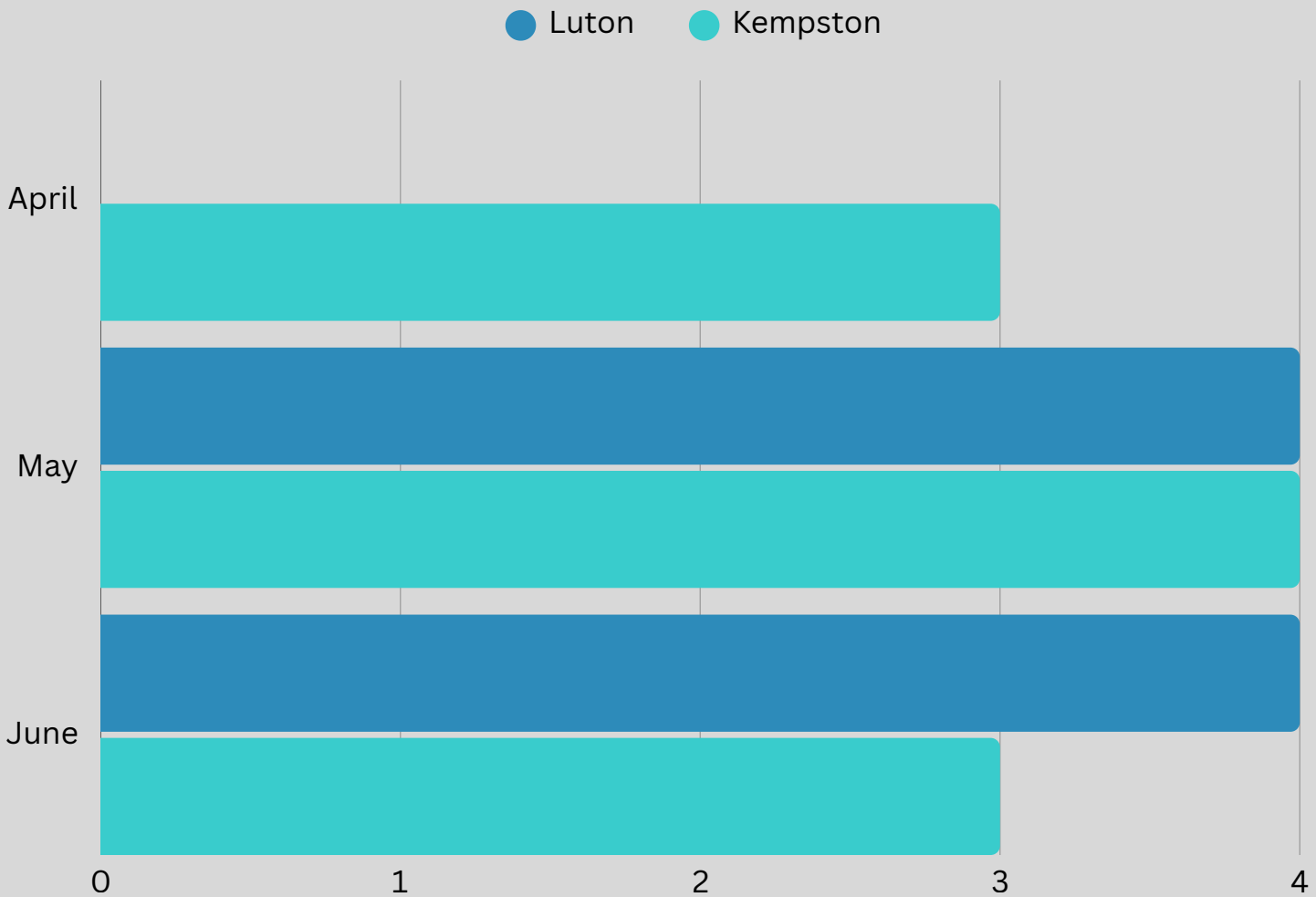
Graph showing custody detentions by officer defined ethnicity



Graph showing detainees according to gender

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ICV visits to Bedfordshire Police Custody Suites



Detainees
visited by
ICVs in
Bedfordshire

132

Issues Raised from ICVs

ICVs identified a shortage in medical disposable boxes.

This was raised to the custody Sergeant after the visit. The OPCC followed up with the custody Inspector who confirmed they are back in stock.

ICVs reported that prayer mats were not wrapped or stored correctly. The Torah was found in the same box as Qurans.

As a result of continuous ICV reports about the storage of religious items, the Inspector has implemented detention officers to be in charge of certain areas around custody, to ensure these areas are being kept correctly.

ICVs found out of data staff food kept in the same fridge as detainee's food. ICVs were concerned about cross contamination.

This has been fed back to the custody inspector, who will ensure staff do not use this fridge as they are provided their own.

ICV found that the toilet and water dispenser appears to not be working in cell 11.

The Inspector has confirmed this is now working.

ICVs mentioned the lock in cell 13 is sticking which is a health and safety issue.

The Inspector assured the OPCC the cell is out of order, estates have been informed and it should be fixed soon.

Luton Reopening!

Following a 14-week closure for a major refurbishment, Luton Custody Suite officially reopened at the end of April.

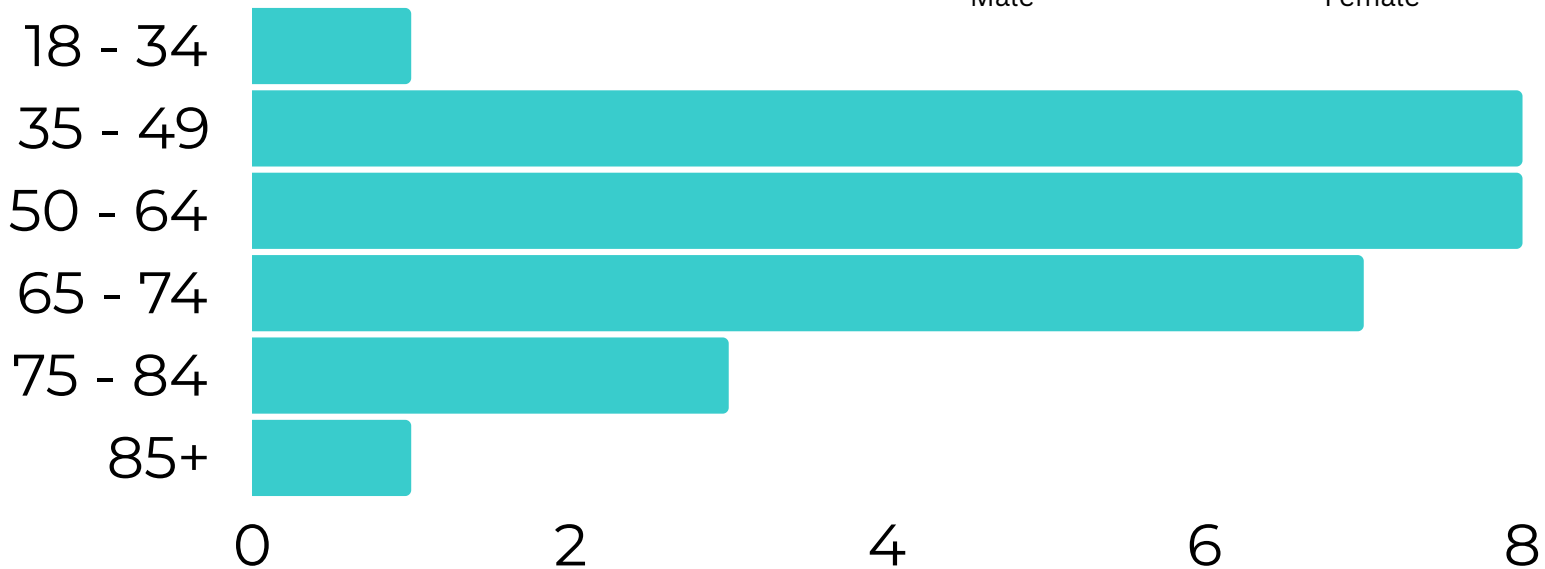
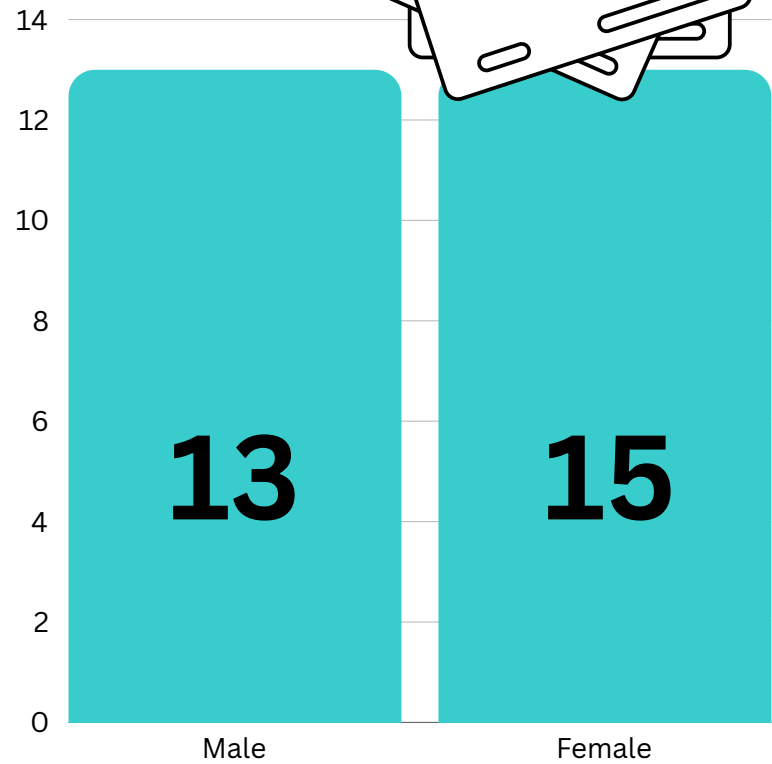
In advance of the reopening, Independent Custody Visitors (ICVs) were invited to tour the newly upgraded facility and see the improvements first-hand.



Recruitment



28
volunteers



This quarter we have recruited 2 new ICVs.

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 marked Volunteers' Week—a special occasion dedicated to honouring and celebrating the remarkable efforts of volunteers across Bedfordshire.

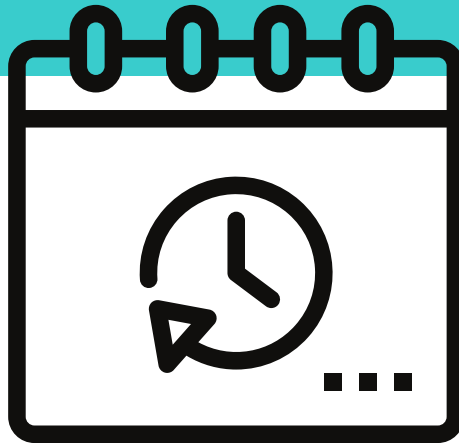
We would like to say a massive thank you for all your hard work and dedication. You all do an amazing job, and you all are an absolute credit to our scheme. Your support is so appreciated.



VOLUNTEERS' WEEK



Dates for the Diary



- ICV Panel Meeting - Monday 29th September 2025
- ICV Panel Meeting - Thursday 18th December 2025

ICVA Resources

Over the past quarter ICVA has produced the following resources:

[Neurodiversity Bitesize Training for ICVs](#)

[QAF 3 Leaflet for ICVs](#)

[NPM Preventative Training](#)



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

SCAN ME



Bedfordshire Independent Custody Visiting Scheme



Can you spare some time for your local community?

WHO ARE WE?

- We are members of the local community who visit police custody suites unannounced to check on the treatment of detainees, the conditions in which they are being held and that their rights and entitlements are being observed.

WHO CAN BE A VISITOR?

- Subject to certain exceptions anyone can apply to be an ICV. Visitors must be more than 18 years old, have been a resident in the UK for at least three years prior to the date of application and currently reside, work or study in Bedfordshire.

Interested in joining us or would you like to find out more information?

Contact us:
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