

Bedfordshire Independent Custody Detention Scrutiny Panel



September 2025
Quarterly Bulletin



This Quarters Custody Data

 Luton

 Kempston



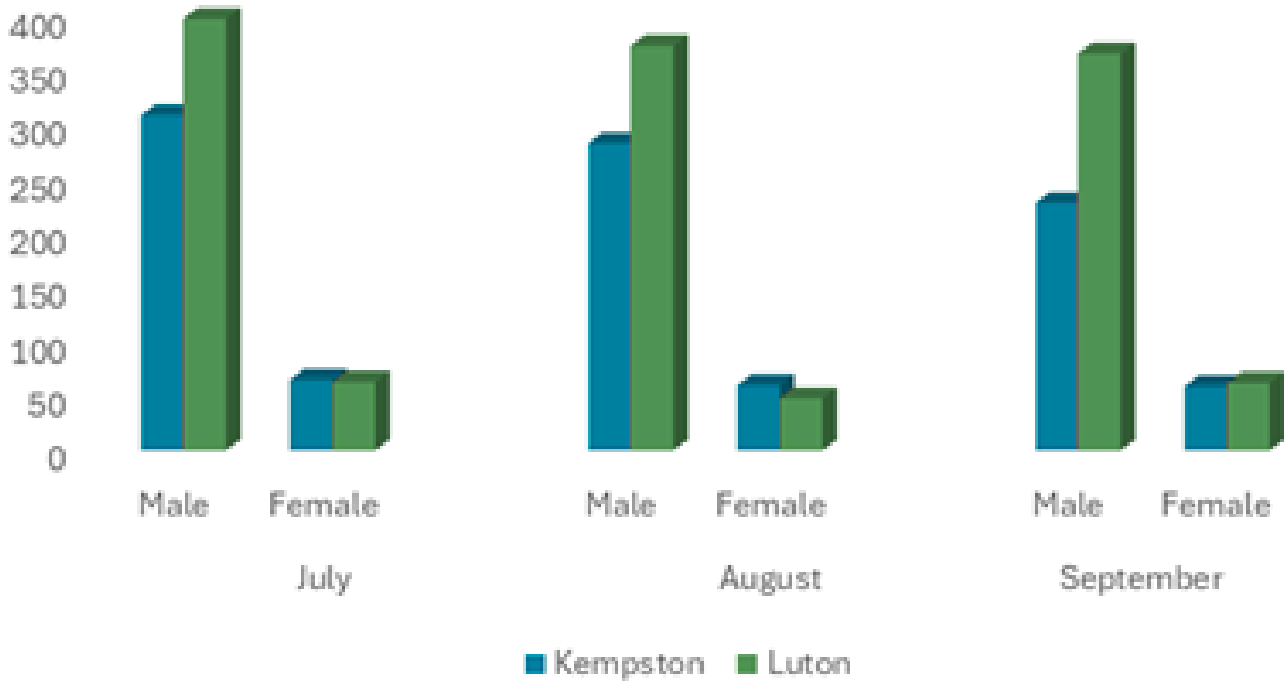
The chart illustrates the total number of detainees held across both Luton and Kempston custody suites during July, August, and September 2025. In total, 2,515 individuals were detained in Bedfordshire Police custody over this three-month period. A month-by-month breakdown is provided below.

Month	Luton	Kempston	Total
July	422	495	917
August	377	442	819
September	328	451	779

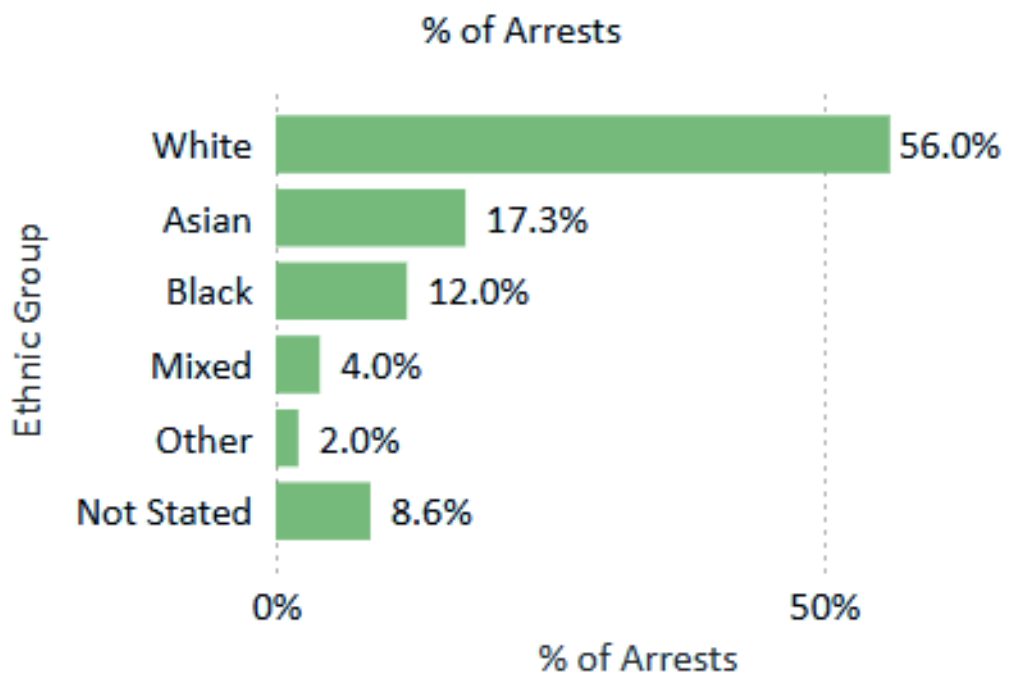
Custody Data



Breakdown by Gender



The chart above displays the number of detainees entering custody, broken down by gender, using data from July, August, September. In contrast, the chart across presents the distribution of detainees in Bedfordshire custody by ethnicity, based on July, August and September.



Juveniles in Custody



The panel requested a specific focus on juveniles in custody. In response, data was provided that highlights the number of juveniles who entered custody in the previous months.

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During the months of July, August, and September 2025, a total of 171 juveniles were detained in Bedfordshire custody.

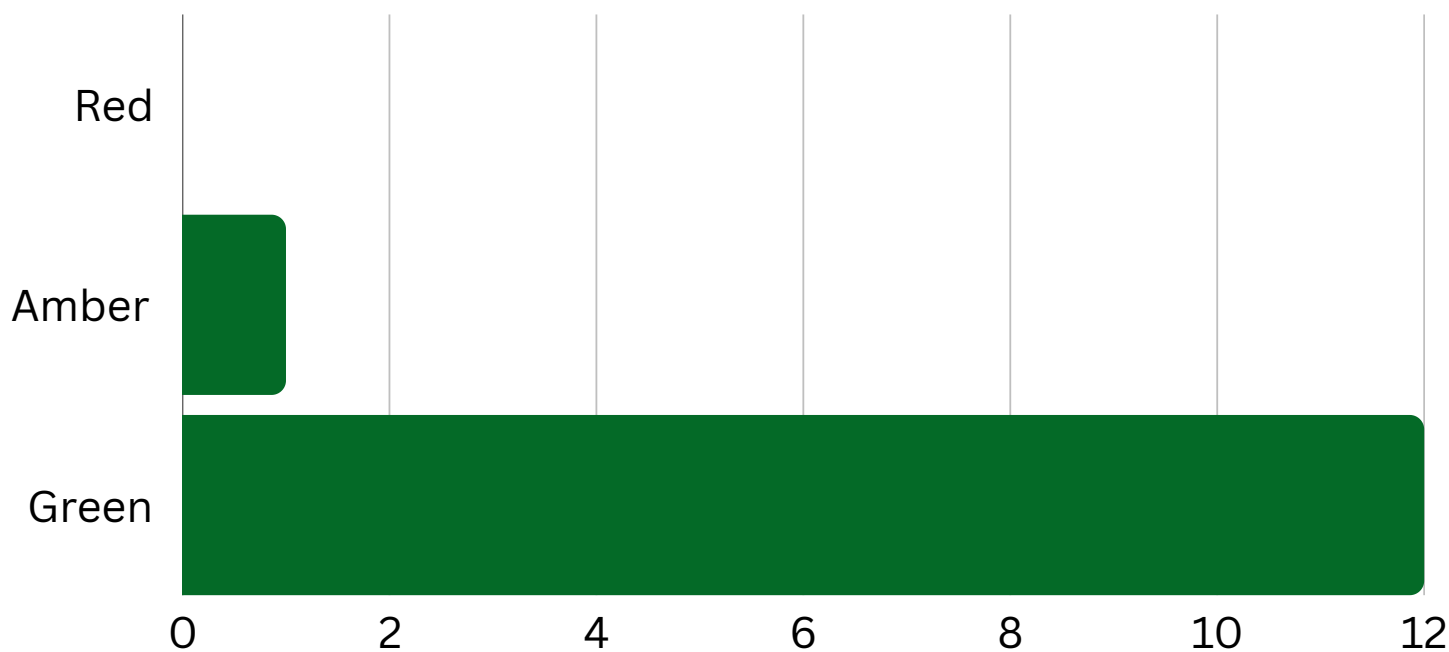
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The overall aim is to avoid detaining children overnight; however, there are occasions when it becomes necessary and proportionate to do so. During July, August, and September, 64 children were detained overnight.



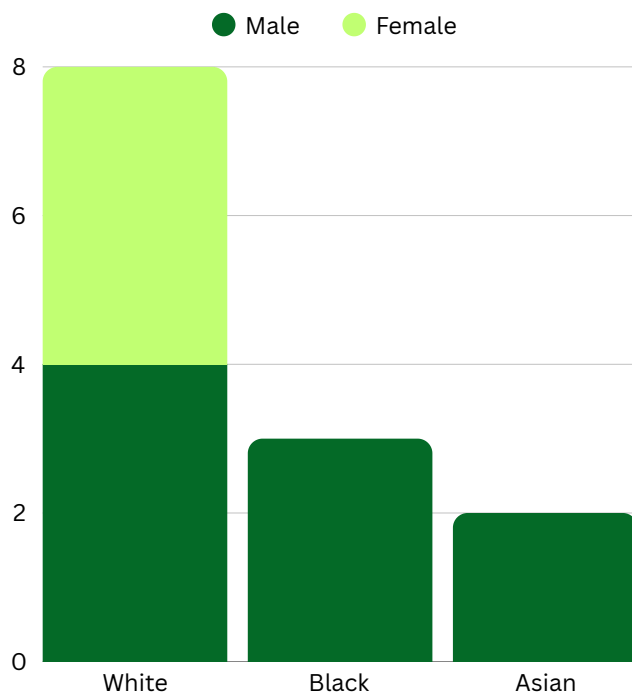
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Custody Records were viewed this quarter



The graph above displays the gradings assigned to custody records reviewed by panel members.

All custody records reviewed involved juveniles. The cases varied in terms of gender, ethnicity and originated from both Bedford and Luton custody suites. Some records also included instances where a strip search was deemed necessary.



Feedback on Custody Records

Updates on these issues will be presented at the next panel meeting.

Panel member raised no concerns regarding the custody record. Panel member appreciated that the juvenile was not kept in custody overnight.

Panel member considered the justification for the strip search to be reasonable. Appropriate adult attended and remained present throughout.

No distraction pack was offered to the detainee; however, all other protocols were followed.

There was a delay in providing the detainee with their rights due to awaiting the arrival of an AA.

The detained person was held for 32 hours; panel member considered the justification for the extended detention period acceptable.

Custody record noted only 'LADs to be emailed', with no indication of whether they were contacted or arrived.

Inspector's review was missed and requires investigation.

ACTIONS

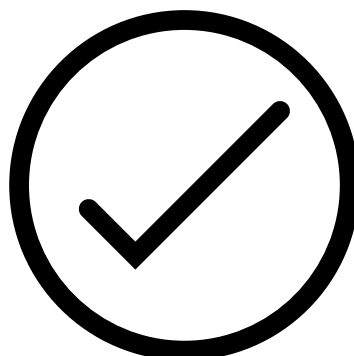
Ensure distraction packs are offered where appropriate, and document this in the custody record.

Accurate recording needs to be highlighted with officers and DOs ensuring clarification when AA & LADs are contacted and their arrival time. Organisational concerns that further training may need to be provided as found in more than one record. Update to be provided by Inspector at next meeting.

Inspector review was missed. The Inspector will investigate the reason for this and provide an update at the next meeting.

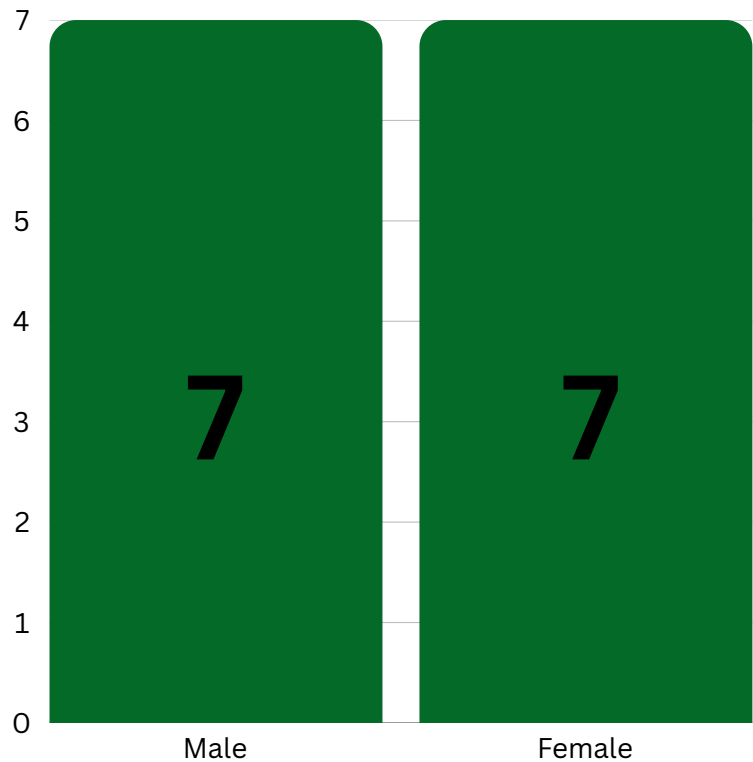
To provide an explanation for any delays/gaps between the arrest and detention of DPs.

Panel to discuss grading scales.



Recruitment

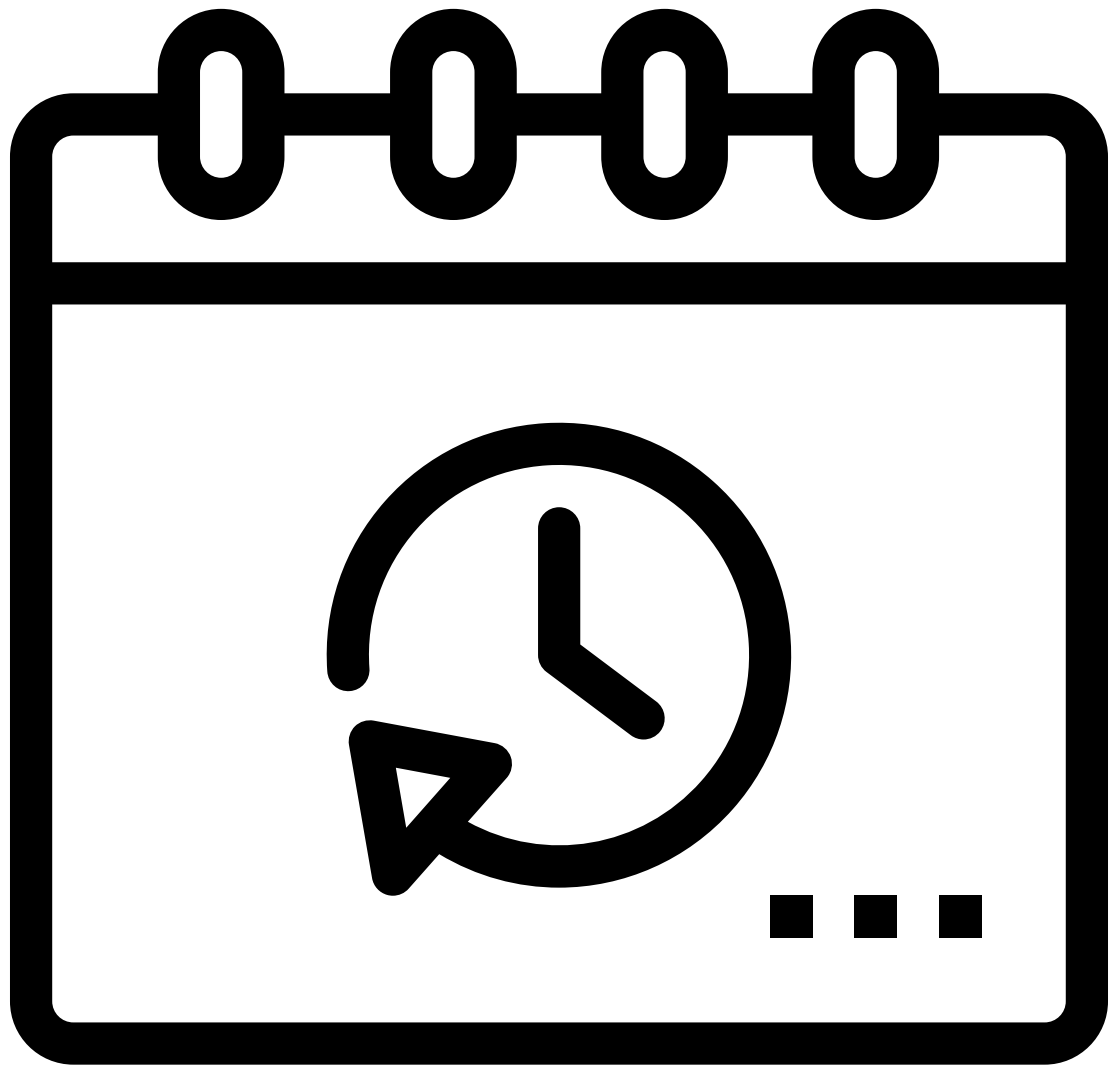
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volunteers



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



Date of Next Meeting



ICDSP Meeting - Thursday 27th November 2025

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MORE INFO

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