

INDEPENDENT CUSTODY VISITING (ICV) NEWSLETTER

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for
Bedfordshire

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NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

Welcome to our ICV newsletter, dedicated to the work of our Independent Custody Visitors. Let me first of all thank you for all your efforts, I appreciate your dedication, knowledge and the time you give to the scheme. I note that many of you comment on the excellent work undertaken by officers, which is always pleasing to see, but when changes are needed, we will strive to get them implemented quickly and promptly.

Keep up the fantastic work that you do!

*Police and Crime Commissioner
Festus Akinbusoye*



INDEPENDENT CUSTODY SCRUTINY PANEL

Hopefully you have all recently received an email from our office regarding the setting up of an Independent Custody Scrutiny Panel, this follows on from the update from the Head of Custody last year around the implementation of the Panel.

This will be a quarterly meeting. If you are interested in joining, please email
PCC@beds.police.uk



ANNUAL REPORTS 22-23

Keep an eye out for the Police and Crime Commissioners Annual Report and the Independent Custody Visiting Annual Report which will be published once presented to the Police and Crime Panel in June 2023.

The ICV Annual Report for 2023 showcases the incredible work that our Independent Custody Visitors complete.

The Annual Reports will be published in June 2023 via our website, and will also be sent to all via email.

A BIG THANK YOU TO

Norma, Safwa and Stephen

We would like to say a very big thank you to Norma, Safwa and Stephen who supported us with filming alongside the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC) for Volunteers Week.

Because of your support, we are now being recognised nationally as the videos have been shared across all schemes and OPCCs.



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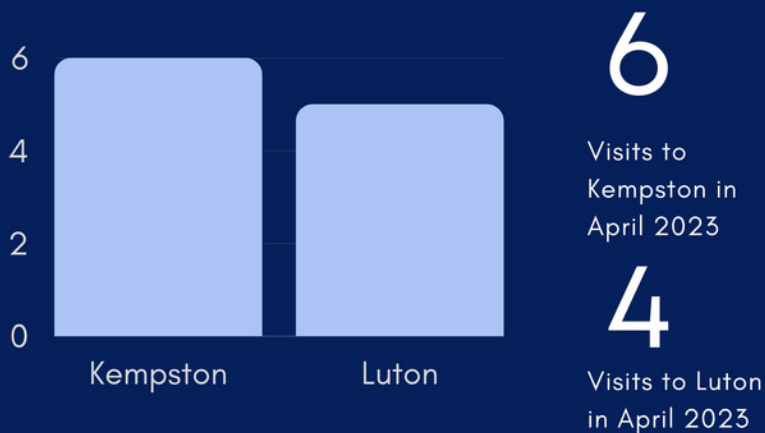
ICVA CONFERENCE 2023

On Saturday 13 May, ICVs Safwa Tahir, James Roast, John Murphy, Maggie Lambert and Fytton Rowland attended the Independent Custody Visiting Association (ICVA) Conference for 2023, alongside Bedfordshire OPCC Scheme Manager Bethany Coles.

The day was very enjoyable, with lots of information learnt! We heard from:

- Junior Smart OBE who is a youth leader, trainer, academic and consultant on young people, gangs and county lines.
- Sherry Ralph, CEO of ICVA, on the amazing impact that ICVs have made nationally to detainee dignity and wellbeing.
- Two very interesting lightning talks from the Office of the NPCC Custody Lead and the Head of the Secretariat of the United Kingdom National Preventive Mechanism.

Independent Custody Visiting



"Staff in control and knowledgeable of DPs conditions. Female DPs have been assigned female officers. Everywhere clean and tidy. Good stock of stores."

FACTS AND FIGURES APRIL 2023



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DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2023

- ICV Panel Meeting – Thursday 22 June
- ICV Panel Meeting – Thursday 14 September
- Volunteers Celebration – Thursday 28 September
- Essex Regional ICV Conference – Saturday 21 October
- ICV Panel Meeting – Thursday 14 December



ICVA RESOURCES

<https://icva.org.uk/icv-resources/>



On this page, you will find links to ICVA's 'straight to ICV' Bitesize training modules, all of which have been recorded for you to undertake at home with all the links you need for any additional reading. There are also briefings on a whole host of topics, guidance and additional resources from other bodies to support you during your visits to custody.

<https://www.bedfordshire.pcc.police.uk/>

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