

INDEPENDENT CUSTODY VISITING (ICV) NEWSLETTER

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for
Bedfordshire

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INDEPENDENT CUSTODY DETENTION SCRUTINY PANEL

We will be holding our first Independent Custody Detention Scrutiny Panel (ICDSP) in October 2023. This will involve assessing and reporting on detention and custody processes, examining and challenging disproportionality in police custody, partnership review and much more.

If you are interested in joining, please email [**PCC@beds.police.uk**](mailto:PCC@beds.police.uk)

INDEPENDENT CUSTODY VISITING ASSOCIATION (ICVA) QUALITY ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK (QAF)

We have been working hard on the Quality Assurance Framework (QAF) to achieve the highest level of compliance which is Platinum.

The Scheme Manager has held a meeting with the ICVA Chief Executive Officer to work through the evidence collated for the QAF and further news will be released within the next couple of months!



ICVA
The Independent Custody
Visiting Association



DEPUTY PCC CUSTODY VISIT

Bedfordshire's Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner has visited the force's custody facilities in the latest check on detainees' welfare in the county.

Ian Dalgarno joined some of the county's independent custody visitors for a visit to Luton custody suite last week.

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) runs the independent custody visitor programme, where volunteers attend police stations to check on the treatment of detainees and the conditions in which they are held.

It follows a previous out of hours visit by PCC Festus Akinbusoye last month.

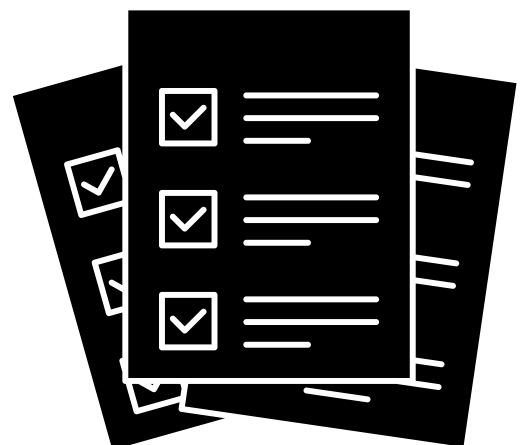
Read more [here](#)

VISIT REPORT FORMS

In September we will be completing a 6 month review of the updated visit report forms.

As discussed via email, there has been a temporary change whilst this work is underway, where you will be provided with basic data in a report from custody on arrival and any further queries can be asked at the end of the visit.

Please send any feedback regarding the forms as soon as possible so that this can be collated and addressed as part of the review.



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DATES FOR THE DIARY



2023

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

2024

- ICV Panel Meeting – Wednesday 27 March
- ICV Panel Meeting – Monday 24 June
- ICV Panel Meeting – Thursday 26 September
- ICV Panel Meeting – Tuesday 17 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.

Two resources have been added over the last quarter, focusing on Religious Items in Custody and the Detention Clock bitesize.

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

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You can also keep up to date with the PCC and his offices day to day work via Twitter, Facebook and Instagram



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