

Independent Custody Visiting Quarterly Update:

October - December 2021

| Total number of detainees through custody | Number of ICV visits | Total number of detainees in custody at time of ICV visits | Total number of detainees unavailable | Number of detainees observed | Total number of detainees visited |
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| 1471 | 35 | 59 | 25 | 11 | 25 |

| Number of ICV Calls | Total number of detainees in custody at time of ICV visits | Total number of detainees unavailable / refused | Total number of detainees spoken with |
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| 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 |

Active ICVs: 24

- Pembrokeshire: 7
- Powys: 6
- Ceredigion: 5
- Carmarthenshire: 6

Recruitment Update:

- 1 ICV for the Pembrokeshire Team has been appointed within this quarter.

Scheme Update:

- The OPCC in Dyfed-Powys has continued to review Custody records every month. 29 records with a focus on anti-rip suits were reviewed over this period.
- The OPCC has been asked to lead on a pilot which asks ICVs to review the custody records of those who have been issued with an anti-rip suit. The aim of the pilot is to ensure that suits are being issued appropriately with sufficient rationale being recorded within individuals logs. The aim is that ICVs will be able to take part in this pilot in January 2022.
- ICVs have now returned to full time physical visits from September 2021. ICV calls are only made if necessary.
- ICVs have identified a number of repeat estate issues which has meant that some cells have been closed for a long period of time. Work on these cells has been planned.
- ICVs have noted a number of staff shortages in custody over this period due to covid-19.

Custody Record reviewing findings:

Whilst ICV visits have been reduced, the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office has been reviewing a selection of custody records every month in order to maintain an oversight of the custody environment during the pandemic. Approx. 15 records are reviewed each month.

- No delays in the provision of Appropriate Adults or remote solicitor advice over the period.

- The availability of alternative accommodation for children continues to be an issue and this is being discussed at an all Wales level.
- There is a lack of detail being recorded within custody logs in relation to the provision of hygiene matters such as handwashing and showers.
- The OPCC has started to review records with a focus on the issuing of anti-rip suits. It has been found that there is a lack of detail recorded within the rationale of some custody logs for the issuing of the suits.