

Independent Custody Visiting Quarterly Update:

April - June 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
1545	26	41	18	4	19

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
11	22	16	5

Active ICVs: 23

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

Recruitment Update

Two new ICVs have been appointed within this quarter.

Scheme Update:

- The OPCC in Dyfed-Powys has continued to review Custody records every month. This has helped the Office to maintain an oversight of the custody environment whilst visits have been on pause. 45 Custody Records were reviewed over this quarter.
- A mixed rota of physical visits and calls recommenced from April onwards.
- Custody record reviewing has helped gather evidence in relation to the lack of alternative accommodation for Children. The PCC met with the Heads of Children’s Services to discuss a solution; next meeting scheduled for September.
- ICVs have managed to solve some environmental issues these include; CCTV issues, lighting issues, cell closures and PPE screen issues.

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.

Main findings:

- Improvements in females being appointed a female member of staff.

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- 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 use of the Children in Custody checklist has improved significantly and has been highlighted as good practice.