

Independent Custody Visiting Quarterly Update: July – September 2019

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
1739	45	82	25	14	43

Active ICVs: 24

- Pembrokeshire: 6
- Powys: 7
- Ceredigion: 4
- Carmarthenshire: 7

Recruitment Update

No change.

Scheme Update:

Dyfed-Powys have signed up to ICVA's Independent Custody Observers Pilot which will allow ICVs to review custody records of those who have been identified as vulnerable in order to get a better insight into the totality of care extended to vulnerable Detained Persons (DPs), considering their full journey through custody.

ICVs in pairs will review a selection of custody records each week, answering specific questions on each record in order to identify possible areas for improvement and areas of good practice. The Pilot will run alongside the Independent Custody Visiting scheme with Custody record reviews being carried out in addition to the weekly Independent custody visits to our suites across Dyfed-Powys. The Pilot commenced on the 2nd of September 2019.

ICV findings - Issues raised

- Clothes of detainees being kept on the floor, due to lack of storage space in one of the suites. Completed – Staff have been issued with bags for each detainee to ensure that their belongings are stored safely and respectfully.
- Problem with the shower pressure in one of the suites – this has been reported to Estates maintenance Team.
- Cell closure in one of the suites due to a broken light switch panel – this is being prioritised by the Estates Team in order to fix issue.
- Missing bible in one of the suites – A new bible has been ordered.