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Independent Custody Visiting Quarterly Update: October – December 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
1674	43	87	21	19	47

Active ICVs: 24

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

Recruitment Update

Three new ICVs are currently waiting on vetting clearance. Two new ICVs waiting to join the Aberystwyth team and 1 ICV waiting to join the Powys team. Subject to vetting clearance all new ICVs to start visiting in the New Year.

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. The Pilot commenced in September 2019 with ICVs in pairs reviewing 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 is running 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.

ICV findings - Issues raised

- Cell closures in a number of suites due to maintenance issues – Estates Team are aware of issues and work has been planned.
- Cell doors blocking CCTV coverage.
- The absence of a Bible as a religious book in one of the suites – New Bible on order.
- Issues with the heating in one of the suites – Estates Team have undertaken work to resolve this issue.
- Broken shower – plans in place to turn the shower block into a storage space for custody.