

# Independent Custody Visits in Devon and Cornwall

## Q1 2025-26 covering 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

The Police and Crime Commissioner has a statutory duty to run an Independent Custody Visiting (ICV) Scheme. This scheme involves volunteers visiting police stations to check on the welfare of those in custody and ensure their rights and entitlements are being upheld. These visits provide independent assurance that custody facilities are operating safely and appropriately.



**Number of ICV Visits: 29**

Detainees in custody

**186**

Detainees visited

**72**

Detainees observed

**14**

### During Q1 2025/26:

- 6,513 detainees went through police custody suites across Devon and Cornwall.
- ICVs conducted 29 visits in total, visiting 72 of the 186 detainees who were detained in police custody at the time of their visits (equating to 39% of detainees).
- ICVs observed 14 detainees who were sleeping.
- The majority of detainees reported no issues to ICVs with rights and entitlements.
- ICVs have reported gaps in healthcare provision on occasions.
- ICVs have reported busy custody suites / staffing issues, restricting the number of detainees they are able to speak to.
- Fortnightly meetings are held with D&C Police to discuss any issues ICVs are raising.

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## Q2 2025-26 covering 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025

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**Number of ICV Visits: 33**

Detainees in custody

**392**

Detainees visited

**106**

Detainees observed

**24**

### During Q2 2025/26:

- 6,416 detainees went through police custody suites across Devon and Cornwall.
- ICVs conducted 33 visits in total, visiting 106 of the 392 detainees who were detained in police custody at the time of their visits (equating to 27% of detainees).
- ICVs observed 24 detainees who were sleeping.
- The majority of detainees reported no issues to ICVs with rights and entitlements.
- ICVs continue to report gaps in healthcare provision on occasions.
- ICVs continue to report busy custody suites / staffing issues.
- Fortnightly meetings are held with D&C Police to discuss any issues ICVs are raising.

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## Q3 2025-26 covering 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

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**Number of ICV Visits: 31**

Detainees in custody

**208**

Detainees visited

**99**

Detainees observed

**16**

### During Q3 2025/26:

- 6,123 detainees went through police custody suites across Devon and Cornwall.
- ICVs conducted 31 visits in total, visiting 99 of the 208 detainees who were detained in police custody at the time of their visits (equating to 48% of detainees).
- ICVs observed 16 detainees who were sleeping.
- The majority of detainees reported no issues to ICVs with rights and entitlements.
- ICVs continue to report gaps in healthcare provision on occasions.
- On occasions detainees have reported that entitlements have not been offered e.g. not offered a shower or exercise, this appears to correlate with when custody is busy.
- ICVs have reported helpful custody staff.
- Fortnightly meetings are held with D&C Police to discuss any issues ICVs are raising.