

Appendix 1 Independent Custody Visitors - Annual Review 2014/15

Independent Custody Visitors (ICVs) are volunteers who make unannounced visits to police detention facilities to check on the treatment of detainees.

The Police and Crime Commissioner is responsible for coordinating and overseeing the scheme.

Highlights from 2014/15

A self-assessment was carried out that resulted in new procedures being developed to set a clear framework for the scheme.

Long Service Award Ceremony was held. Fourteen ICVs were recognised clocking up a total of 137 years!

Two ICVs attended the ICVA National Conference

2013/14 objectives were broadly met

Issues raised and subsequently resolved

- Requests from Detainees for items like a toothbrush, reading material and extra food.
- Spider infestation
- Cracked tiles
- CCTV pixilation adjusted for privacy
- Cell hatch Perspex had graffiti on it
- Cleaning regime not to a high enough standard
- Box containing religious items was damaged

2015/16 recommendations

- To continue to vary the time of visits
- To consult ICVs on moving to a single group
- To develop an ICV charter
- To host a regional ICV conference.
- To review the Visit Report Form

26 ICVs

133 visits completed

377 detainees spoken

Over 97 hours spent in custody visiting

Number of detainees visited

