

Independent Custody Visiting



Are you interested in people?
Do you have some time to spare?
Would you like to make sure people in
police custody are well looked after?

You could be...

...an Independent Custody Visitor!

What is an ICV?

Independent Custody Visitors, (ICVs), are members of the **public** who **volunteer** to make unannounced visits to police custody to check on the rights, entitlements and wellbeing of detainees in custody.

When would I visit?

ICVs can visit custody suites at any time of day or night, 7 days a week so you can volunteer even if you have full-time work or study commitments. Each volunteer normally makes one visit each month.

What would I get out of it?

ICVs report that they find the role extremely rewarding, that they learn a great deal about themselves, vulnerable people and the criminal justice system. A great way to give something to your community and build your CV.

Am I part of the police force?

No. Custody Visitors are independent of the police entirely and the scheme is managed by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Will it cost me anything?

ICVs are able to claim their travel expenses from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Do I need to have qualifications?

No. ICVs visit custody to represent the community and all applications are welcome, no formal qualifications are needed and training will be given. We want to hear from you if you are interested in police custody, human rights and the treatment of people in detention.

Can anyone apply?

There are a few criteria for applicants, ICVs must be over 18 and live or work in Hertfordshire. All applicants will be subject to police vetting (a criminal record does not necessarily prevent you from undertaking the role of an ICV, please contact us if you have any questions).

Hertfordshire has two custody suites, one in Stevenage and one in Hatfield. Visitors can be asked to attend either custody suite on a rota basis.

Hertfordshire ICVs carry out 3 custody visits per week. Volunteers are expected to undertake 8 custody visits per year (a minimum of 4) but no-more than one per month.

Visits are always carried out by pairs of ICVs who have the flexibility to choose the days and times that work for them.

All training is provided and is on-going with group training sessions and 2 panel meetings held each year which ICVs are required to attend.

How do I apply?

You can visit our website for an
application form
www.hertscommissioner.org/ICV

Email
pccadmin@herts.pcc.pnn.gov.uk

or Telephone
01707 806182

We are really keen to have
applications from all members of the
community so please do get in touch!
Let us know if you need any assistance
with the application process, we are
happy to help.

— **David Lloyd** —
**Police and Crime
Commissioner**
for Hertfordshire