

Volunteer as an Independent Custody Visitor

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

We are currently recruiting volunteers for local panels based in Lincoln, Grantham, Boston and Skegness.



For more information or to apply:

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Frequently Asked Questions

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. As an ICV you will be expected to undertake a minimum of two custody visits per month.

What are the benefits of being an ICV?

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 back to your community and build your CV.

Am I part of the Police Force?

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

Will it cost me anything?

ICVs receive a travel allowance or can have their travel expenses refunded by 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 will be considered, no formal qualifications are needed and training will be given. If you are interested in police custody, human rights and the treatment of people in detention, then this may be the perfect role.

Can anyone apply?

There are a few criteria for applicants, ICVs must be over 18 (there is no upper age limit) and live or work in Lincolnshire. Applicants are vetted and a criminal record check is part of that process. While past offending is not an automatic disqualification, it is considered on a case-by-case basis.