

OPCC Independent Custody Scrutiny Panel (ICSP) Report & Action Tracker

Date: January 2026

Location: The Lawns, Cottingham

Introduction

The Independent Custody Scrutiny Panel (ICSP) is composed of local community members who review police detention and custody procedures to ensure transparency and accountability. This report summarises the findings from the ICSP's January 2026 assessment, focusing on the use of strip searches within custody settings, as well as samples relating to sexual offences.

Attendees

6 panel members

2 representatives from Humberside Police

2 members of the OPCC

Strip Search Sample Scrutiny

Five samples relating to strip searches in custody are reviewed by the panel. All are to be provided with positive feedback around how they were handled. There are two actions around adding questions relating to appropriate adults, and to query whether the search being 1 minute, was correct.

Panel think the samples are improving, just some grammatical errors on the reports from officers.

Question from panel member answered, 10.9% of strip searches have resulted in an item being found.

Sexual Offence Sample Scrutiny

Discussion around the pre-release risk assessment questions.

Two samples relating to sexual offences are reviewed by the panel. Both are seen as 'standard' moving forward, the panel would like to see case studies to review, rather than scrutinise.

Force Updates and Input

- 3 complaints, these were low level and dealt with there and then
- The tablets used in custody have returned to the company
- Custody demand statistics are looked at
- Question around disproportionality, it is confirmed there have been no spikes

Any Other Business

- Begin to review case studies at future panel meetings, to determine what input panel would like for each future meeting.
- New social media accounts on Tik Tok and Instagram, to raise volunteer profile.
- Recruiting for South Bank ICVs

Date of Next Meeting

Scheduled for April 2026