

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

Date: July 2025

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 July 2025 assessment, focusing on the use of strip searches within custody settings, as well as mental health in custody.

Attendees

- 5 panel members
- 2 members of OPCC
- 2 members of Humberside Police

Strip Search Sample Scrutiny

The panel reviewed 6 samples relating to strip searches in custody. The panel have some concerns relating to these samples, but are generally happy, with some feedback required for officers for each sample.

Mental Health Sample Scrutiny

The panel reviewed 2 samples relating to mental health in custody. The first sample is generally positive with some queries needing clarification. The second sample is discussed, raising many questions relating to the release. Custody representative to find these out.

Force Updates and Input

- HMIC visiting custody in August
- Force make the panel aware of the change of leadership in custody
- Hull is at the minimum staffing level in custody, but would prefer a 3rd Serjeant
- Discussion around custody throughput

Member Talk

- Panel request that the next samples include mental health, juvenile strip search, and another topic
- OPCC mention Google Translate in custody, as well as the proposal of a regional volunteer conference
- Chief Inspector suggests having a custody Serjeant attend the meeting now and again to help their own understanding

Actions

- Strip search sample 1: Feedback that no times were recorded on the form, find out about alternative clothing
- Strip search sample 2: More information required around the arrest, find out if detainee was compliant, and why there were 5 officers
- Strip search sample 5: Positive feedback to be given

- Strip search sample 6: Find out where the search was carried out. Generally, some detail missing, OPCC to sit with Force
- Mental health sample 1: Some redaction issues, positive feedback to be given
- Mental health sample 2: Some concerns relating to the release of the detainee
- Re-send videos to some panel members
- Make ICVs aware of HMIC visit in August
- Put to members not in attendance what sample topics they would like to see at the next meeting

Next Meeting

Scheduled for October 2025 – The Lawns, Cottingham