



# ICV NEWS

The newsletter for  
Derbyshire's Independent Custody Visitors

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## WELCOME TO THE SEPTEMBER EDITION OF DERBYSHIRE'S INDEPENDENT CUSTODY VISITORS NEWSLETTER

ICV News has been designed to keep you informed and updated on any National and Local news, including training events, dates for the diary and any current issues.



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### The 4 Rs

Please find attached a copy of the 4 Rs. The 4 Rs should be used when rousing a DP and you should start to see these around the custody suite soon. They are on magnetic signs so can be attached to the cell door of a DP that is on rousal.

Please familiarize yourself with them and let us know if you have any comments on this procedure.

## UPDATES FROM ICVA

### INQUEST NEWS LETTER

The latest INQUEST newsletter has been published. It covers Grenfell, their Radio Four appeal, Sean Rig and unsafe prisons. Whilst much of INQUEST's work is not directly related to police custody, important learning can still be found here. If you would like to give it a read, click [here](#).

### USE OF FORCE BLOG

ICVA have released another fantastic blog on the use of force in custody and what you as ICVs can do to respond. If you would like to take a look at it, please click [here](#).

## Rashan Charles Inquest

You may have seen recent coverage from the inquest into the death of Rashan Charles. Rashan, 20, died in hospital after police chased him into a shop in Dalston, London, where he put a package in his mouth whilst being restrained by a police officer with the assistance of a bystander on the 22nd July, 2017. The inquest found Rashan's death to be accidental.

The coroners Prevention of Future Deaths report outlines some concerns surrounding Rashans death, including the following:

- There was a point at which Rashan's struggle against the search of his mouth became a struggle to breathe because he was choking
- The bystander, having been of significant assistance to the officer in securing the handcuffs, continued to give physical input and running commentary

If you would like to read more about this, click [here](#).

## DRUG STUFFING AND DRUG PACKING

Guidance has been developed on drug packing and stuffing. You may recall that there have been some recent high profile cases of detainees being kept for long stretches (weeks) waiting for detainees to pass drugs.

This briefing describes what drug stuffing is, what it may mean in custody, and what you should look out for and report on. I have attached the briefing to the email so please do take a look.

## UP COMING TEAM MEETING AND TRAINING

We're busy putting the finishing touches on your next training day (4<sup>th</sup> October, Force HQ) where we will be delivering sessions on assertiveness and Transgender issues in Custody. Additionally, Inspector Katie Andrews will be coming to talk you through the HMICFRS Inspection findings and what measures have been put in place post inspection.

September marks the end of our vulnerability pilot, that we lovingly named Custody Record Reviews (the CRR), we are really looking forward to sharing our findings with you at the team meeting. Additionally, we will be presenting this method of oversight to scheme managers, both regionally and nationally.

If there is anything you would like to raise at the team meeting then please do let us know.

## QAF UPDATE

As you already know, we are taking part in ICVAs Quality Assurance Framework (QAF) and have started to submit our evidence. You will all be pleased (and somewhat unsurprised as we know how great our scheme manager is!) that we are aiming for platinum and so far doing very well.

3 Cheers for Liz!