

Why? is it important

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Provides constructive 'critical friend' challenge

Amplifies the voices and concerns of the public

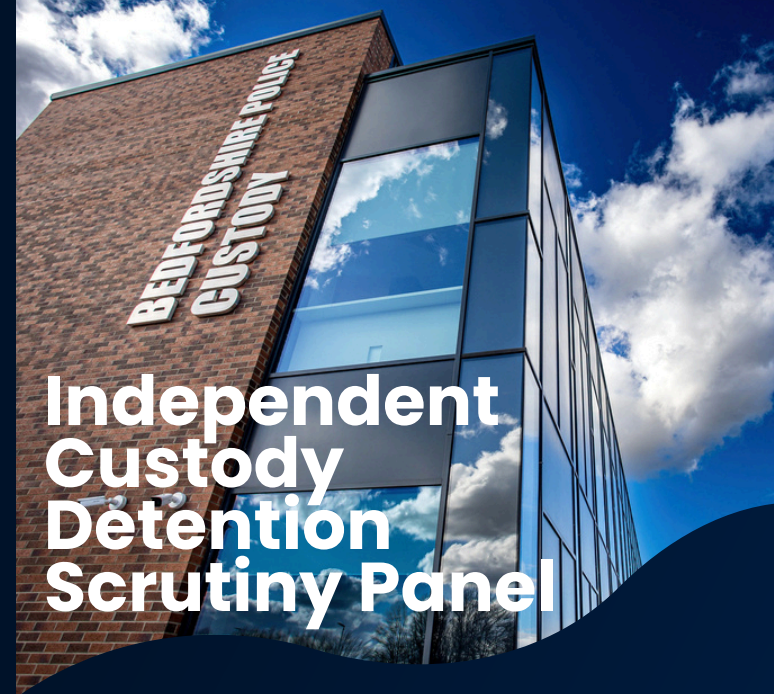
Led by independent people who take responsibility for their role

Drives improvement in public services



does the panel do?

- Assesses and reports on detention and custody processes
- Examines and challenges disproportionality in police custody in their application of police powers
- Reviews custody performance data at a local and national level
- Considers wider issues where the panel feels it could add value e.g issues of safety and dignity
- Builds trust and confidence with ethnic minority communities through transparency, accountability, engagement, and understanding of criminal justice and custody processes
- Makes observations and recommendations to the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable for Bedfordshire



Independent Custody Detention Scrutiny Panel

The Independent Custody Detention Scrutiny Panel is made up of a group of local people in Bedfordshire who represent the local community involved in the detention and custody environment

The panels aim is to help improve trust and confidence in local policing



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If you or a member of your family have had direct experience of custody and would like to make a difference

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How? does the panel operate?

- Redacted custody records are reviewed in smaller groups with a wider discussion afterwards
- Police representatives available for understanding and any clarification
- Meetings held on a quarterly basis
- Meeting location determined prior to each meeting (in person)
- Minutes/agreed actions and summary findings are shared with the panel and wider public
- Summary reports are shared with other review bodies
- No documentation is taken away from the building



What topics are covered?

- Strip searches
- Use of force
- Access to services
- Neurodiversity
- Mental health
- Use of anti-rip suits
- Other topics at the request of the panel

