

Checklist for Children and Young Persons (juveniles)

This checklist is for ICVs to take on a visit to help monitor all aspects of the detention of children and young people in custody. Please do watch the online training module from Dr Miranda Bevan, detailing the findings of her research, and information what the specific arrangements for children and young people in police custody should be. Please ensure that you check all of the areas below, and record them on your visits report form (you may wish to use a continuation sheet).

Has the offer of rights and entitlements been effective?

- Does the child/young person (C/YP) have a copy of a child-specific/easyread rights and entitlements leaflet (Code C 3.3A)? (if not provide)
- Did the officer at booking-in explain to the C/YP about the possible benefits and importance of legal advice (Code C 3.1 and APP (C/YP) 3.3)?
- If they declined legal advice, has C/YP been offered legal advice on the telephone (Code C 6.5)?
- Is the C/YP aware of right to have a paper and pen and to make a phonecall (on request) (Code C 5.6)?
- Is the C/YP aware of entitlement to washing facilities/exercise (if practicable) (Code C 8.4, 8.7)?
- Is the C/YP aware of toilet pixilation/toilet paper (Code C Note 8D)?
- If the C/YP is a girl, has a female officer spoken with her about welfare needs (Code C 3.20A)?

Appropriate adult support

- Did the officer at booking-in explain about what the AA can do to support them (including that they can talk privately with the AA 'at any time') (Code C 3.15)?
- Has the C/YP had contact in private with their AA?

Is the C/YP being held in conditions appropriate for a child or young person?

- Is the CYP detained in an adult cell (contrary to Code C 8.8)?
- Have blankets/food/drink been provided?
- Are there any apparent adjustments to conditions in the cell/juvenile detention room to account for their youth/vulnerabilities? (APP (C/YP) 3.1, Article 37 UNCRC)

- Is the C/YP in possession of any items for support - personal possessions or distraction items (book etc)?
- Is C/YP aware of the availability of books/magazines etc

Items to check for on the custody record

- If detained in an adult cell – has the reason been recorded on the custody record (P.T.O. C 8.10)?
- How long has the C/YP been in custody? *Record the total length of time in custody*
- How long between arrival of C/YP and private contact with their AA? *Record the length of time from arrival in custody until an AA met with the C/YP*
- Has C/YP been seen by the Liaison and Diversion service (if operating in the suite)?
- Has the C/YP been charged?
- If so, has local authority accommodation been requested (PACE S38)?

Please make sure that you record details of the above on your report forms, using continuation sheets if necessary, thank you.