

ICVA Police and Custody Acronym Cheat Sheet

Acronym	Definition	Further Info
AA	Appropriate Adults (safeguard the interests, rights, entitlements and welfare of children and vulnerable people who are suspected of a criminal offence)	https://www.appropriateadult.org.uk/information/what-is-an-appropriate-adult
ACC	Assistant Chief Constable	
APP	Authorised Professional Practice (official source of professional practice for policing from College of Policing. Please note; not legally binding)	https://www.college.police.uk/app
CC	Chief Constable	
CDO	Civilian Detention Officer	
CJA	Criminal Justice Alliance	
CYP	Children and Young People	
DP	Detained Person (more commonly used by police)	
HCP	Health Care Professional	
HMICFRS	His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Service (independently assesses the effectiveness and efficiency of police forces and fire & rescue services)	https://www.justiceinspectrates.gov.uk/hmicfrs/
HMIP	His Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons	https://www.justiceinspectrates.gov.uk/hmiprison/
HMPPS	His Majesty's Prison and Probation Service	https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-prison-and-probation-service
ICOP	Independent Custody Observers Pilot	
ICV	Independent Custody Visitor	
ICVA	Independent Custody Visiting Association	https://icva.org.uk
IOPC	Independent Office for Police Conduct	https://www.policeconduct.gov.uk

L and D	Liaison and Diversion (identify people who have mental health, learning disability, substance misuse or other vulnerabilities when they first come into contact with the criminal justice system)	https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/health-just/liaison-and-diversion/about/
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding	
NEF	National Expert Forum	
NPCC	National Police Chiefs Council	
OPCC	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner	
PACE	Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (codes of practice regulate police powers and protect public rights - will usually reference code C (detention))	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1984/60/contents https://www.gov.uk/guidance/police-and-criminal-evidence-act-1984-pace-codes-of-practice
PCC	Police and Crime Commissioner (the voice of the people and hold the police to account)	https://www.apccs.police.uk/role-of-the-pcc/
PIC	Police Investigation Centre	
PSED	Public Sector Equality Duty	https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/advice-and-guidance/public-sector-equality-duty
QAF	Quality Assurance Framework	
TACT	Terrorism Act 2000 (usually in reference to Code H of PACE - detention of suspects related to terrorism)	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/11/contents
ToR	Terms of Reference (used for meeting groups to outline purpose)	
YOT	Youth Offending Team (work with young people that get into trouble with the law)	https://www.gov.uk/youth-offending-team