

Lux Lighting in Police Custody



ICVA supported a workstream in 2023, initiated by the independent custody visiting scheme from Sussex Police and Crime Commissioners Office, to reduce the levels of lighting in custody suites to allow for detainees to have uninterrupted rest periods. ICVA and Sussex OPCC worked with the College of Policing and the National Police Chiefs Council to lower the lighting levels in both new build suites, and existing ones.

- 85% of custody staff were aware of the NPCC letter with suggestions on lux lighting.
- 78% Light levels been tested in all suites.
- 46% of required action undertaken to date.

The full 6 month report can be viewed on our website [here](#).

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- 84% of respondents indicated that lighting levels have been tested in their suites.
- No reports of detainees mentioning issues with the brightness of lights were reported by respondents.
- 53% of total suites didn't need any action to be taken.
- 68% actions complete.

What have ICVs reported?

ICVs commented "It was very nice to see all the new lights in the cells. They were all dimmed down noticeably. I am sure this also helped to keep custody very calm today." An extract from an ICV report (November 2023) "There are now new lights in all cells with much lower light levels available & mostly in use at low levels."



Detainee Feedback...

An ICV advised that the detainee had previously been detained on a few occasions, so knew all the facilities and how everything worked. They commented on the new lighting being much better & said they actually managed to get some sleep at night. I commented that we had something to do with that and they said "that was a great job done there"

