



North Yorkshire Police Authority (NYPA) is currently seeking to recruit more volunteers to its Independent Custody Visiting Scheme.

Independent Custody Visitors (ICVs) are voluntary members of the local community who are appointed by NYPA to visit police stations unannounced to check and report on the welfare and treatment of people arrested and detained in police custody. This is a unique voluntary role as ICVs have random and largely unfettered access to detainees.

The Scheme requires representatives from as wide a variety of backgrounds and sections of the community as possible. No experience is necessary as successful applicants will be fully trained and supported in conducting visits.

ICVs are always made in pairs, at any time during the day and on any day of the week that is convenient to themselves and the ICV they are paired with. Visits usually last one hour on average but this timescale may vary depending on how busy the custody area is at the time of their visit!

ICVs are normally expected to make on average 1 or 2 visits each month to the police station in the area in which they live, so this is an ideal voluntary scheme if you wish to contribute something back to your local community without committing too much time from your work, studying, social or family life. Group meetings are also held four times a year to raise issues and share experiences. We have panels of ICVs in Harrogate, Northallerton, Scarborough, Skipton and York which cover North Yorkshire and the City of York.

If you are age 18 plus, interested in the ICV Scheme and would like to request an information and application pack, please get in touch. Either contact the Scheme Administrator Claire Askew on 01765 641839, email info@nypa.gov.uk or visit the NYPA website www.nypa.gov.uk for more information.

