

2025-26 Summary

Impact

Panel findings were delivered directly by the Chair after each deliberation to the senior custody officers from West Yorkshire Police who attended every meeting. At the next meeting, those officers reported back on the actions taken with their custody teams, ensuring clear accountability and follow through.

The CDSP meetings have driven tangible improvements: CCTV footage has been shared with the force training centre to strengthen learning, targeted feedback has been provided to custody staff, and the escalation protocol has been made easier to access and use. Crucially, the panel's recognition of good practice – including officers treating people with care and dignity in challenging circumstances – has been formally acknowledged, reinforcing and celebrating high quality custody work.

Scrutiny and accountability

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime (DMPC) met with Custody Detention Scrutiny Panel Members to discuss findings, themes and issues.

The Chair has direct access to the DMPC to independently raise any concerns and to highlight good practice. Significant matters and concerns are brought immediately to the attention of the DMPC. If you would like to find out more about the CDSP or if you are interested in becoming an Independent CDSP Member, email policingandcrime@westyorks-ca.gov.uk.

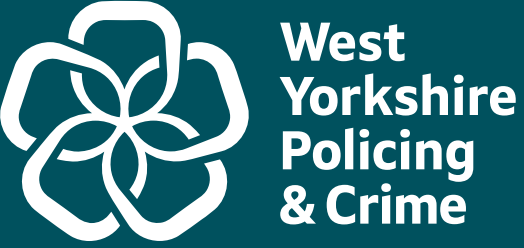
Panel evolution

Panel finding ratings were reviewed and adjusted by the Chair as Members continually reviewed the work of the CDSP.

Focus areas were determined by the Chair with advice and recommendation from the Mayor's Policing and Crime Team. Case selection was done by the Chair at random from a selection of cases from the chosen focus area.



Custody Detention Scrutiny Panel



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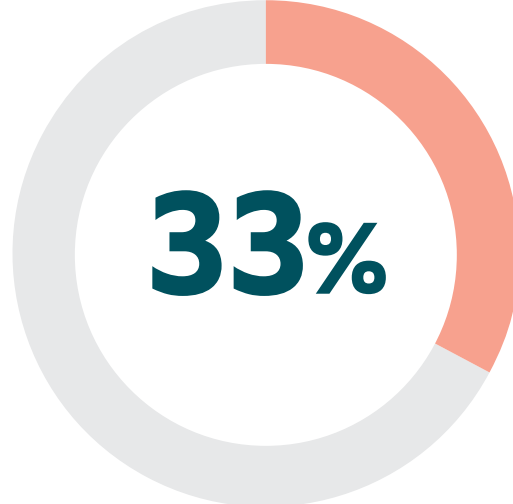
2025-26 Overview of cases

See breakdown of each quarter for definitions of panel ratings.

Q1	Case 1	1	2	3	4	
	Case 2	1	2	3	4	
Q2	Case 1	1	2	3	4	
	Case 2	1	2	3	4	
	Case 3	1	2	3	4	
Q3	Case 1	1	2	3	4	5
	Case 2	1	2	3	4	5
Q4	Case 1	1	2	3	4	5
	Case 2	1	2	3	4	5



of cases were found to be appropriate and consistent with policy and procedures; dignity and wellbeing were considered.



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Panel findings for **Q1**

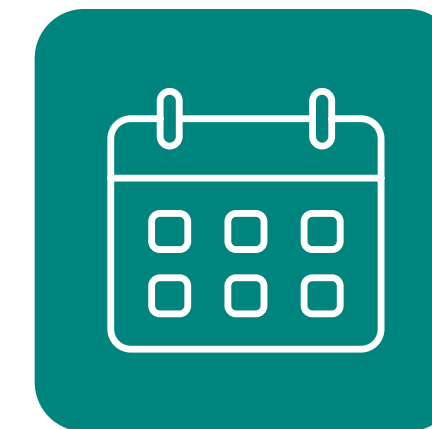
Case 1 Adult (18+) – mental health

Panel rating:



Case 2 Child (under 18) – use of force

Panel rating:



Meeting date
23 April 2025



Focus area
Mental Health
Use of force



Cases reviewed
Two

Panel ratings explained

- 1** Appropriate and consistent with relevant organisational policy and procedures; dignity and needs were considered.
- 2** Appropriate with observations.
- 3** Inappropriate and inconsistent with policy and procedures; dignity and needs were not considered.
- 4** Panel did not reach a conclusion.



Panel findings for **Q2**

Case 1 Child (under 18) – strip search

Panel rating:



Case 2 Child (under 18) – remand

Panel rating:



Case 3 Adult (18+) – intimate sample

Panel rating:



Meeting date
30 July 2025



Focus area
Children
Use of force

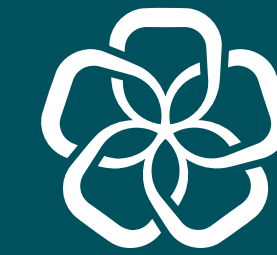


Cases reviewed
Three

Panel ratings explained

- 1** Appropriate and consistent with relevant organisational policy and procedures; dignity and needs were considered.
- 2** Appropriate with observations.
- 3** Inappropriate and inconsistent with policy and procedures; dignity and needs were not considered.
- 4** Panel did not reach a conclusion.

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Panel findings for **Q3**

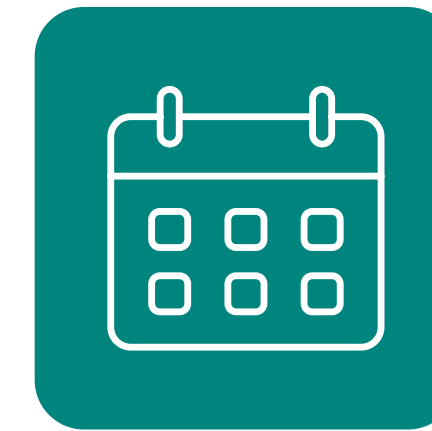
Case 1 Adult (18+)

Panel rating:



Case 2 Adult (18+)

Panel rating:



Meeting date
24 September
2025



Focus area
Use of force

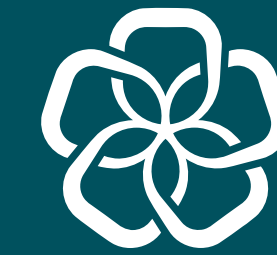


Cases reviewed
Two

Panel ratings explained

- 1** Appropriate and consistent with relevant organisational policy and procedures; dignity and needs were considered.
- 2** Appropriate with observations.
- 3** Inconsistent with policy and procedure – panel have concerns.
- 4** Wholly inappropriate and inconsistent with policy and procedures – panel have significant concerns.
- 5** Panel did not reach a conclusion.

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Panel findings for **Q4**

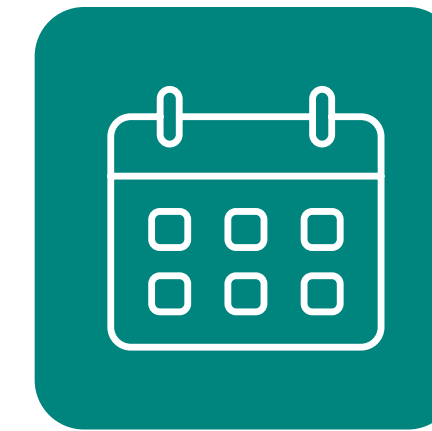
Case 1 Adult (18+)

Panel rating:



Case 2 Adult (18+)

Panel rating:



Meeting date

14 January
2026



Focus area

Pre-release risk
assessments
Use of force



Cases reviewed

Two

Panel ratings explained

- 1** Appropriate and consistent with relevant organisational policy and procedures; dignity and needs were considered.
- 2** Appropriate with observations.
- 3** Inconsistent with policy and procedure – panel have concerns.
- 4** Wholly inappropriate and inconsistent with policy and procedures – panel have significant concerns.
- 5** Panel did not reach a conclusion.