

LEARNING THE LESSONS

Bulletin 29
(Custody)

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Custody and detention

Officers failed to take a detainee suspected of swallowing drugs straight to hospital. The man was later found to have swallowed wraps of heroin and crack cocaine, which he continued to attempt to conceal during his detention.



Mental health

A man with mental health issues, due to be taken to a place of safety, caused serious injury to himself in the caged area of a transport van while being restrained. Officers were unable to provide appropriate medical help due to a poorly stocked medical kit.



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Incomplete information on a Person Escort Record, and failure to properly record events during the hospital stay, meant that a detained woman was not searched. She was able to take drugs she had concealed on her, resulting in illness.



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Failure by custody detention officers to provide information about a potential injury on booking in a detainee led to a delay in the detainee receiving medical treatment.



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