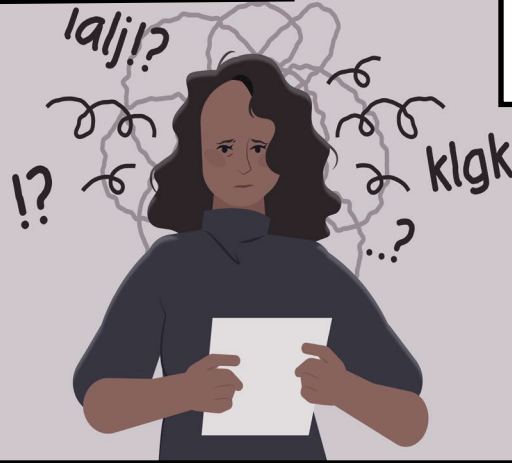


KNOW YOUR RIGHTS IN CUSTODY

Struggling to read, having learning needs like autism or ADHD or English not being your first language can all make this difficult.



Everyone is different, but when we're in custody we all have the same rights. There are some things which can stop you from accessing what you're entitled to.



If you think you have a communication difference that should be considered, tell an officer straight away. This will help you get the support you need, including access to an interpreter.



If there are people you are solely responsible for, such as, a child or elderly relative, let a police officer know straight away so arrangements can be made for their care.

You may not be in the best way physically when you come into custody. You have the right to medical care if you're injured or unwell. Ask for this care if you need it.



Being taken into custody can feel really chaotic, but the custody officers have to tell someone where you are if you ask them to.

Maybe even most important of all is your right to legal advice.



Before being questioned by the police you are entitled to speak to the station's Duty Solicitor - someone who will represent you free of charge - or your own solicitor if you have one.

If you take away nothing else, do this - ask a custody officer to show you a document that lays out your rights.



This will help to make sure that you're treated fairly while in custody.