

Rights & Entitlements for Voluntary Attendees

The following rights and entitlements are guaranteed to you under the law of England and Wales and comply with the European Convention on Human Rights.

Free Legal Advice

You are not under arrest and you are free to leave at any time, unless you are placed under arrest.

If the Police wish to ask you questions about your suspected involvement in an offence they must caution you in the following terms.

“You do not have to say anything. But it may harm your defence if you do not mention when questioned something which you later rely on in court. Anything you do say may be given in evidence”

If you have been cautioned by the police, you can speak to a solicitor at any time, day or night. Tell the police officer at once. It will cost you nothing. Even if at first say you do not want a solicitor, you can change your mind at any time. If you wish to speak to a solicitor the police may not question you until you have done so.

If you want to speak to a solicitor, or you cannot contact your own solicitor, ask the police to contact the duty call out solicitor. He or she is independent of the Police.

You can talk to the solicitor in private on the telephone, and the solicitor may come to see you at the location.

If the Police want to question you, you can ask for the solicitor to be there. If there is a delay, ask the Police to contact the solicitor again. You can ask the Police to wait for the solicitor to be at the interview

Remember your rights:

1. Tell the police if you want to look at their rulebook called the [Codes of Practice](#)
2. Tell the police if you want someone to be told that you are at the police station or police premises. it is free