



## **APPG on Immigration Detention**

### **Annual Report 2024-25**

#### **1. About the APPG**

The All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Immigration Detention brings together parliamentarians from across the political spectrum who share concerns about the use of immigration detention in the UK.

The APPG's purpose is to raise awareness within Parliament about immigration detention and its impacts. It offers MPs and Peers opportunities to debate issues with relevant experts from outside Parliament, including people with lived experience of detention, as well as lawyers, medical professionals, academics and representatives from non-profit organisations. Using the information gathered through its work, the APPG advocates for evidence-based reforms to immigration detention policy, and for the welfare of detained people.

#### **2. Reporting period**

The APPG was re-established in the new Parliament on 2 December 2024, following the general election earlier that year. This Annual Report therefore covers the period **2 December 2024 to 1 December 2025**.

#### **3. Membership and Secretariat**

Membership of the APPG is open to UK parliamentarians only. During the reporting period, the APPG's membership comprised:

Chair:	Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP – Labour
Officers:	Rt Hon. the Lord Garnier KC – Conservative Baroness Hamwee – Liberal Democrat Mohammad Yasin MP – Labour
Members:	Rt Hon. Diane Abbott MP – Labour Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle – Green Party

	<p>Olivia Blake MP – Labour  Ruth Cadbury MP – Labour  Wendy Chamberlain MP – Liberal Democrat  Lord Dubs – Labour  Mary Kelly Foy MP – Labour  Gill Furniss MP – Labour  Lord German – Liberal Democrat  Helen Hayes MP – Labour  Christine Jardine MP – Liberal Democrat  Kim Johnson MP – Labour  Baroness Lister of Burtersett – Labour  Baroness Ludford – Liberal Democrat  Rt Hon. John McDonnell MP – Independent  Baroness Meacher – Crossbench  Rt Hon. Andrew Mitchell MP – Conservative  Layla Moran MP – Liberal Democrat  Kate Osamor MP – Labour  Kate Osborne MP – Labour  Lord Roberts of Llandudno – Liberal Democrat  Liz Saville Roberts MP – Plaid Cymru</p>
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The Secretariat of the APPG was provided by the UK charity [Medical Justice](#).

**4. Report of activities**

The APPG undertook a range of activities during the reporting period:

- a) **Inaugural Meeting (2 December 2024):** The APPG reconvened to elect its Chair and officers, allowing the group to be re-established following the general election earlier that year.

A written summary of the meeting can be accessed [here](#).

- b) **Meeting with the Minister for Border Security and Asylum (12 March 2025):** The APPG Chair Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP, and members Baroness Lister and Baroness Ludford met with Dame Angela Eagle MP, then Minister for Border Security and Asylum at the Home Office. Topics discussed during the meeting included government plans for expansion of the detention estate, the development of alternatives to detention, implementation of recommendations from the Brook House Inquiry, and detention-related provisions of the Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill (now Act) 2025.

**c) Panel event on current state of immigration detention (20 March 2025):** The APPG held an event in Parliament to discuss current conditions in immigration removal centres (IRCs) and their impacts on detained people. Over 40 attendees participated in the event, including parliamentarians, experts by experience, representatives of front-line charities and other key organisations.

The panellists included:

- Joel Mordi, a Nigerian LGBTQI+ and human rights activist working with [Rainbow Migration](#) on their [No Pride in Detention campaign](#). Mr Mordi was previously detained at Harmondsworth Immigration Removal Centre (IRC) and spoke about the devastating and lasting impacts that detention can have on those subjected to it, including members of the LGBTQI+ community.
- Charlie Taylor, HM Chief Inspector of Prisons, and Dr Hindpal Singh Bhui OBE, Inspection Team Leader at HM Inspectorate of Prisons. In 2024, Mr Taylor warned of a “worrying deterioration in safety” across UK IRCs, with an inspection of Harmondsworth IRC finding “the worst” conditions inspectors had ever seen in UK immigration detention, and serious concerns likewise reported at Brook House IRC. Mr Taylor and Dr Singh Bhui discussed these findings in more detail. They also provided an update from a recent visit to Harmondsworth where, despite good progress in some areas, a number of key concerns remain, including in particular regarding the safeguarding of vulnerable people.

A written summary of the event, including speaker presentations, can be accessed [here](#).

**Parliamentarians attending:** Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP (Chair), Baroness Hamwee, Baroness Lister of Burtersett

**d) Visit to Harmondsworth Immigration Removal Centre (24 July 2025):** The APPG’s visit was organised in response to [HM Inspectorate of Prisons’ 2024 report on Harmondsworth IRC](#), which described finding the “the worst” conditions inspectors had ever seen in UK immigration detention at the centre and “a level of chaos...that was truly shocking”. The group was therefore keen to understand how the Home Office and current Harmondsworth contractor Mitie had responded to the HMIP’s findings.

The visit was attended by APPG Chair Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP and APPG member Baroness Lister of Burtersett. The itinerary included discussions with people detained at the IRC, senior Home Office officials and contractor staff, and a tour of key facilities. Prior to the visit, both the Chair and Baroness Lister were also briefed by Bail for Immigration Detainees, JRS UK, and Medical Justice regarding NGOs' current key concerns at the facility.

Following the visit, Ms Ribeiro-Addy wrote to the newly appointed Minister for Border Security and Asylum Alex Norris MP as well as the IRC's Manager Sarah Mallender to raise various concerns arising from the visit.

- e) **Expert briefing meeting on UK-France Agreement (5 November 2025):** The APPG held a meeting to discuss the operationalisation of the [UK-France Agreement on the Prevention of Dangerous Journeys](#). People selected by the government for removal to France under the Agreement (also known as the “one in, one out” scheme) are placed into immigration detention upon arrival in the UK. The APPG heard from experts at [Medical Justice](#) and [Gatwick Detainee Welfare Group](#) who are working directly with those affected, as well as the [Immigration Law Practitioner's Association](#) (ILPA).

The speakers explored the agreement's immediate impacts, focusing in particular on people's experiences while being held in UK detention, as well as concerns around its longer-term implications for refugee protection in the UK. Serious concerns were raised around poor provision of / access to legal advice, and the highly vulnerable nature of many of those facing removal to France, who included people with histories of torture, trafficking survivors and those who had self-harmed, experienced suicidal thoughts and in one case attempted suicide.

Presentations from the event can be access [here](#).

**Parliamentarians attending:** Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP (Chair), Rt Hon. Diane Abbott MP, Kim Johnson MP, Andy McDonald MP, Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb