

Immigration reporting (signing) is <u>harassment</u>

Everyone who is applying for permission to stay in the UK can be made to report and sign regularly at a Home Office Immigration Reporting Centre.

Many have to do this for years on end, while the Home Office keeps their applications waiting. People travel miles for a 2-minute appointment, to answer the same questions every week. Every appointment is a harassment. Every appointment is a message from the Home Office: we are watching you, we tell you what to do, we tell you where you can live, we can ask whatever questions we want, we can talk to you however we want, and we can take you to a detention centre without warning. Threats and harassment, over and over again.

Reporting is harmful

Every interaction with the Home Office is stressful, but Reporting appointments are the worst. Many people cannot sleep the night before. The impact on mental health is serious. For those who have been detained before, it brings back all the fear and trauma. Reporting makes us sick

Reporting is <u>unnecessary</u>

During covid-19 lockdown, in-person reporting was suspended. Nothing went wrong. Through the pandemic we have all learned to keep in touch while keeping distant. We have phones. There is no reason to start this system of harassment again

We demand:

- An end to mandatory in-person reporting
- To be treated with dignity, fairness and respect
- Halt the "new plan for immigration"
- End the hostile environment

Worried about reporting?

Did you know that can get your reporting condition changed - or even stopped!

If you are currently being asked to report or sign at a Home Office centre or police station regularly (e.g. every week or every month), this means that the Home Office has imposed what's called a "reporting immigration bail condition" on you.

- Any reporting condition imposed must be appropriate according to each person's circumstances.
- The Home Office does not have to impose a reporting condition - there are other options available particularly if a reporting condition is not appropriate



In other words - it is possible that the Home office never considered whether a reporting condition is appropriate for your personal needs. Many people have successfully challenged their reporting condition.

Migrants Organise have produced a leaflet to help you with this. You can find it online at www.detention.org.uk

Worried about detention?

Everyone who is reporting is at risk of detention - but there are actions you can take to protect yourself

Immigration detention is just like a prison. People can be taken straight from Home Office Reporting Centres to be locked up in detention centres.

If you are subject to "immigration control" then at some point you could be taken to a detention centre. You could be detained at any time, but there are times in the legal process when you are more likely to be detained.



Hopefully this will never happen to you. But it helps to be prepared, just in case. The Right to Remain Toolkit is an easy to understand, free guide to the asylum and immigration system. It has a section on detention. Find it online at www.righttoremain.org.uk/toolkit

Together we can change this system

The Abolish Reporting campaign is a coalition of groups and organisations from across Britain, in a campaign led by people with direct experience of the reporting system.

All we want is to be treated with fairness, equality, dignity and respect. The reporting system is the opposite of those values. Together, we can raise our voices and make change. And right now it is more urgent than ever before.

Priti Patel has plans to make this system even worse. She will extend the use of monitoring, harassment and detention.

These plans, contained in the Borders Bill going through parliament, must be stopped. But we don't want things to remain as they are. We have a vision of a better world, one of friendship and solidarity. To find out more, or to get involved, get in touch:

www.detention.org.uk

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