

UK Detainee Visitor Groups

Brook House & Tinsley House
Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group
Contact: 0800 389 4367

Colnbrook & Harmondsworth
1) Group: Detention Action
Contact: 0800 587 2096
2) Group: Jesuit Refugee Service
Contact: 020 7488 7319

Derwentside
Group: Durham Visitors Group
Contact: 07519546647,
durhamvisitorsgroup@gmail.com

Dungavel
Group: Scottish Detainee Visitors
Contact: 01412489799 / 07746 232 985

Larne House RSTHF
Group: Larne House Visitors
Contact: larne@blue-i.co.uk

Morton Hall RSTHF
Group: Morton Hall Visitors Group
volunteer@mhdetentionvisitors.org

Yarls Wood
Group: Beyond Detention
Contact: 0800 3101 992 / 07789 520640
Email: info@beyonddetention.org

HMP Huntercombe and Oxfordshire
Asylum Welcome
Contact: 01865 722082

SOAS Detainee Support Visit centres in
Gatwick, Heathrow, and Yarls Wood.
Telephone support to all other centres
Contact 07438 407570 /
s.det.sup@gmail.com

Waging Peace Supports Sudanese
nationals in detention centres and prisons
across UK
Contact 020 8191 9235

Useful Websites

Association of visitors to Immigration
Detainees (AVID) www.avivdetention.org.uk

AVID can help you contact other support
groups in the UK.

Bail for immigration Detainees (BID)
www.biduk.org

BID has information about how to apply for
bail - available in different languages

Immigration Law Practitioners' Association
www.ilpa.org.uk

**Office of Immigration Services Commissioner
(OISC)**
home.oisc.gov.uk/adviser_finder/finder.aspx

List of registered immigration lawyers in the
UK

Freedom from Torture
www.freedomfromtorture.org
Information for survivors of torture. If you are
a survivor of torture **it is against the law to
detain you**
Contact: 020 7697 7777

Right to Remain
righttoremain.org.uk/toolkit/

A guide to the UK immigration and asylum
system and your rights - videos available in
different languages

If you cannot open any of these
websites tell the Centre's staff!

Manchester Immigration Detainee Support Team -MIDST-



Who are MIDST?

- Volunteers from Manchester
- Independent visitors who listen to and support people in detention
- We can use a translation phone.

We visit the Manchester detention
centre 302 on Tuesdays,
Thursdays and Saturdays.

Email: midstvisitors@gmail.com

Website: midst.uk.to



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Helpful Organisations

Asylum Aid

Legal advice & representation for asylum seekers

Tel: 020 7354 9631

Email: advice@asylumaid.org.uk

Medical Justice:

Medical help for people in detention. Self-referral is possible.

Tel: 0207 561 7498

Fax: 0872 352 3700

Email: info@medicaljustice.org.uk

Web: www.medicaljustice.org.uk

Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit

Hours: 10am - 4pm (MON - FRI) Tel: 0161 740 7722

Email: reception@gmiau.org

Web: www.gmiau.org

Helen Bamber Foundation:

Support survivors of torture and trafficking

Tel: 0203 058 2020

Email: reception@helenbamber.org

Rainbow Migration:

LGBTQI+ asylum and immigration support

Contact 020 7922 7811,

hello@rainbowmigration.org.uk

Samaritans:

Support for people in distress

Tel: 116 123 (free) Text: 07725909090

Samphire Project: support ex-detainees

Contact: 0800 9179397 (free)

<https://www.samphireproject.org.uk/>

Legal Advice in Detention

If you are detained you have the right to 30 MINUTES FREE LEGAL ADVICE from a duty legal adviser. You can access free legal advice even if you already have a solicitor.

TOP TIPS:

No legal advice is provided at Manchester RSTHF. When you arrive at another Removal Centre, ask to book a meeting with a lawyer at the DUTY ADVICE SURGERY (maximum 10 clients per day).

Before your meeting, prepare what you want to talk about in your 30-minute slot.

DUTY ADVICE SURGERY ROTA:

BROOK HOUSE MONDAY—FRIDAY

COLNBROOK MONDAY—FRIDAY

HAMONDSWORTH MONDAY—FRIDAY

TINSLEY HOUSE TUES / THURS

YARLS' WOOD MON—THURS

DERWENTSIDE TUESDAY / FRIDAY

Detention & Bail

Bail is ALWAYS an option for people in detention.

You can apply for bail FOR FREE yourself

Two types of bail application:

1. Apply to the Home Office (Form 401)
2. Apply to First Tier Tribunal (B1 form) - independent immigration judges

TOP TIPS:

Keep a copy of ALL documents that you send or receive from the Home Office or your lawyer.

Write to your caseworker to ask for an update on your case

Get ALL information in your first language

You do not need to know the law to apply for bail

You do not need to speak English - you can get an interpreter

If you have a friend in the UK, ask if they can act as a "surety" - a person who is responsible for you. **YOU DO NOT NEED A SURETY TO GET BAIL.**

Contact Bail for Immigration Detainees (BID)

Telephone Helpline: 020 7456 9750 MON-THURS 10-12am

www.biduk.org