

THE PURPOSE

Background

The Home Office is charged by Government to protect our border and to manage migration in the best interests of the United Kingdom, including enforcing the removal of those with no legal right to remain in the UK.

Detainees whose applications and appeals fail are expected to leave the United Kingdom. However, the Home Office is committed to working with them and their representatives to provide support and assistance with the returns process.

The Home Office seeks to identify organisations with the appropriate experience and expertise and which are willing to work in partnership to ensure the welfare and dignity of the men and women being returned.

The Purpose of the Funding

The selected organisation will:

- provide independent advice to men and women in immigration detention so as to encourage them to comply with the returns process thereby increasing the number of compliant returns, reducing the number of escorted returns and the average number of days spent in detention and allowing the detainees to return home with dignity;
- provide regular structured intervention at Heathrow (Colnbrook and Harmondsworth) and Yarl's Wood IRC hubs, with the aim of supporting returns and compliance; [From summer 2021, an additional IRC site has been acquired – Hassockfield, County Durham – for women only.](#)
- provide a timetabled programme of workshops to support the returns process and further one to one sessions with those who wish to take part;
- explain the probability of the individuals' return, provide information on how they may be helped with re-settlement in their home country and promote re-integration assistance available on their return. This allows detainees to make informed decisions on taking up voluntary return packages and returning home in a dignified way;
- work with detainees throughout their stay in the IRCs to help ensure they leave on the first planned return date. Provide insight and necessary practical assistance during the returns experience to help people more easily resettlement in their home country.

Key deliverables

The Grant is being provided to support the Home Office's strategic aim of controlling migration for the economic benefit of the UK. The Recipient will:

- intervene with at least 100 detainees each month in each hub, of whom 40-50 per hub are new clients to the programme [\(targets to be adjusted to accommodate the new site in Summer 2021\)](#)
- facilitate at least 300 returns per annum from each hub [\(targets to be adjusted to accommodate the new site in Summer 2021\)](#)
- run regular workshops to support detainees through the returns process
- ensure that the average length of time a detainee remains in detention prior to a successful return following intervention under this programme is significantly lower than that of a detainee not so supported
- enhance the returns experience through raising awareness of the support available, as well as practical and helpful advice and financial assistance.