

'Provisional results of a survey of levels of legal representation for immigration detainees across the UK detention estate (February 2011)

Bail for Immigration Detainees & Information Centre about Asylum and Refugees

PERCENTAGE OF DETAINEES WITH LEGAL REPRESENTATION		
51% of detainees interviewed had a legal representative at the time of the survey	n=68	51%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Of these 32% of detainees with a legal representative were using a private (fee-paying) solicitor 	n=22	32%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> And 68% of detainees with a legal representative were using a legal aid solicitor 	n=46	68%
49% of detainees interviewed had no legal representative at the time of the survey (though they may have had a representative at a previous point in their detention).	n=66	49%
19% of the sample had <u>never</u> had a legal representative while in detention	n=25	19%
AWARENESS OF THE DDA SCHEME		
53% of detainees interviewed were aware of the DDA scheme	N=71	53%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Of those who were aware of the scheme 61% had made a DDA appointment with the contracted advice provider 	N=43	61%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14% of those who had made a DDA appointment were then taken on by the contracted advice provider 	N=10	14%
Only 8% of the entire sample of 134 interviewed detainees were taken on as DDA clients		
47% of detainees were unaware of the DDA scheme	N=63	47%
LOSING A LEGAL REP AS A RESULT OF TRANSFER BETWEEN IRCS		
23% of detainees interviewed had lost their legal representative on one or more occasion as the result of a transfer between IRCS	N=31	23%
IMMIGRATION ADVICE IN PRISON		
60% of detainees came to detention from prison (CCD cases)	N=81	60%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Of these, 22% had an immigration legal advisor while they were in prison 78% of detainees who had been foreign national prisoners had no immigration legal advice while they were in prison 	N=18	22%
FORMER RMJ CLIENTS		
16% of detainees interviewed had been clients of RMJ when they closed down in June 2010	N=21	16%
DETAILS OF THE SAMPLE		
86% male, 14% female	N=115,	86%, 14%



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	N=19	
Sample of 134 detainees, every 4th open BID non-priority and non-family case, across all ten IRCs open at the date of survey. Detainees interviewed between 8 th November 2010 and 17 th December 2010.		
Brook House (17); Campsfield (7); Colnbrook (35); Dover (18); Dungavel (5); Harmondsworth (15); Haslar (7), Lindholme (6); Tinsley House (7); Yarl's Wood (17).		