

Statistics for the year 2007

Visit statistics

Total number of visits 98

Number of visitors on visits

Visits with two visitors 9 (9%)
Visits with three visitors 29 (30%)
Visits with four visitors 41 (42%)
Visits with five visitors 19 (19%)

Practical support for detainees

Phonecards 324 (average of 3.3 per visit)
Mobile top up 15
Emergency payments 16
Solicitors list/booklet for detainees 17
Toiletries 9
Clothes 58
Magazines/Other info/papers 25
Contact legal rep 59
Liaise other orgs 63

Detainee statistics

Average number of detainees seen on each visit 6
Lowest number of detainees seen on a visit 2
Highest number of detainees seen on a visit 15

Detainees disclosing a criminal conviction 40 (25%)

Total detainees visited

Men 116 (73%)
Women 36 (23%)
Children 7 (4%)
Total 159

Three of the men and five of the women above were detained in the family unit. All of the children were detained as part of a family

Detainees' Country of origin

Algeria	21	13%
Nigeria	14	9%
Pakistan	11	7%
Afghanistan	10	6%
Somalia	10	6%
Iraq	9	6%
Sri Lanka	9	6%

Eritrea	8	5%
Jamaica	6	4%
Ghana	5	3%
Angola	4	3%
China	4	3%
DRC	4	3%
Ethiopia	4	3%
Iran	4	3%
Sudan	4	3%
Kenya	3	2%
Rwanda	3	2%
Uganda	3	2%
Egypt	2	1%
Liberia	2	1%
Palestine	2	1%
Sierra Leone	2	1%
Zimbabwe	2	1%
Bangladesh	1	<1%
Burundi	1	<1%
Cameroon	1	<1%
Georgia	1	<1%
India	1	<1%
Italy	1	<1%
Morroco	1	<1%
Nepal	1	<1%
Philippines	1	<1%
Ukraine	1	<1%
Uzbekistan	1	<1%
Unknown	2	1%

Number of visits¹

Detainees receiving 1 visit	69	43%
Detainees receiving 2 visits	28	18%
Detainees receiving 3 visits	15	9%
Detainees receiving 4 visits	9	6%
Detainees receiving 5 visits	7	4%
Detainees receiving 6 visits	3	2%
Detainees receiving 7 visits	2	1%
Detainees receiving 8 visits	2	1%
Detainees receiving 9 visits	2	1%
Detainees receiving 10 -15 visits	11	7%
Detainees receiving 16 -20 visits	5	3%
Detainees receiving more than 20 visits	6	4%

Most visits received by a detainee

36

¹ A small number of detainees receiving more than one visit may have received some of their total number of visits in another period

Key points from the statistics

- In 2007 SDV visited a total of 159 detainees compared with 212 in 2006. The lower number of detainees seen is because we saw fewer families in 2007 and because we saw individual detainees more frequently.
- As in previous years the vast majority of the people we visited were single men (73%). In 2007 we also saw 7 children (4%) and 36 women (23%)
- We visited people from a total of 35 different countries compared to 45 in 2005.
- The countries producing the highest number of detainees in 2007 were Algeria, Nigeria and Pakistan.
- In 2005 we saw only one detainee from Eritrea. In 2006 Eritrea produced the third highest number of detainees we visited – 18.
- The proportion of detainees we saw for only one visit fell from 53% in 2006 to 43% in 2007.
- However 14% of the detainees we visited received 10 or more visits compared to just 4% in 2006
- One factor contributing to a longer period in detention is the number of detainees who have been detained after receiving a criminal conviction. Over the last year or so, people are increasingly being moved to immigration detention after they have been released from a prison sentence, to await deportation. In 2007, 25% of detainees we saw disclosed that they have a criminal conviction, usually for offenses such as travelling on false documentation.
- We were able to continue the practical support we offer for detainees. We provided an average of 3.3 phonecards per visit (3 in 2006), gave 16 emergency payments of £20 and contacted legal representatives or other organisations 122 times (117 in 2006). In 2007 we also began to provide top-up for mobile phones to respond to requests from detainees.