

# Labour should close all migrant detention centres



As Labour and trade union members and supporters, we welcome Shadow Home Secretary Diane Abbott's announcement that a Labour government would close two detention centres and end indefinite detention. We are campaigning to elect a Labour government that can make this a reality, and call for Labour to extend this pledge to commit to, and campaign for, the closure of all of the UK's migrant detention centres.

Sexual abuse, racist violence and inadequate healthcare are rife in these centres, and compound the traumas that compelled many detainees to seek refuge here

in the first place. The recent shocking revelation that 56% of detainees are suicidal, seriously ill or victims of torture – people who the Home Office's own rules state should not normally be detained – and that 84% do not know how long they are being detained for, should be the final straw. A system that, every year, imprisons up to 30,000 people who have committed no crime while the government decides what to do with them, is an affront to socialist Labour values of democracy, justice and freedom. As part of our commitment to ending the Tories' hostile environment, it is up to Labour to end this barbarity.

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