

Harmondsworth is an Immigration Removal Centre that is used solely for the accommodation of immigration detainees and currently houses single adult males. The Centre opened in September 2001 and is managed by UK Detention Services. Immigration Removal Centres are an essential part of effective immigration control and help to remove those with no legal right to be in the UK.

In March 2003 the Government announced that a new pilot scheme would fast track asylum claims of suitable single adult males with no dependants from initial decision to final appeal within a month. The scheme commenced at Harmondsworth in April 2003. The Government believes that improving the speed and efficiency with which claims are processed is a key element in its radical reform of the asylum system. It is committed to further developing fast track processes to significantly reduce the unfounded asylum intake, improve removals performance, bear down on support costs and remove the opportunity for unfounded claimants to prolong their stay in the UK.

A detained fast track process for suitable adult female asylum claimants with no dependants opened on 9 May 2005 at Yarl's Wood Detention Centre in Bedfordshire. This replicates the process as operated at Harmondsworth.

To answer the request IND provided the following 3 reports covering the 8 month period 1 October 2005 to 31 May 2006:-

- Detained Fast Track for Female Claimants at Yarl's Wood (Annex A)
- Detained Fast Track for Male Claimants at Harmondsworth (Annex B)
- Harmondsworth DFT removals - breakdown by nationality 1Oct 05 -31 May 06 (Annex C)

The information was based on internal management information and as such was not published within the official statistics.

Detained Fast Track for Female Claimants at Yarls Wood

Data extracted from local management records for period 01/10/2005 - 31/05/2006.

Total intake for period : 307

Top 5 Intake Countries

1. Nigeria
2. Turkey
3. Pakistan
4. Uganda
5. Malawi

Total removals for period : 170

(Note: the total number of claimants removed in the period 1 October 2005 to 31 May 2006 includes some claimants taken into DFT Yarls Wood before 1 October 2005)

Top 5 countries for removals

1. Nigeria
2. Uganda
3. Pakistan
4. Ghana
5. Malawi

The average number of days in detention from entry to the DFT process to removal from the UK for the 170 cases above was 65.6 days

The median number of days in detention from entry to the DFT process to removal from the UK for the 170 cases above was 47.5 days

Of cases taken into the DFT process since 1 October 2005 and removed from the UK before 31 May 2006, the maximum number of days in detention for any case was 206 days.

Total number of initial decisions in the period 1 October 2005 to 31 May 2006 was 234

Refused Outright:	231
Granted Asylum/HP/DL:	003

Number of cases out of process [pre- decision] : 61
Number of cases out of process [post- decision] : 65

Reasons for cases being taken out of the process pre-decision are:

By Home Office, temporary admission/bail	22
By Home Office on Medical Grounds:	8
By Home Office claimant accepted as a minor:	3
By Home Office, Medical Foundation appointment:	2
By Home Office, Other	26

(Note: the "Other" category included many cases that were not suitable for the DFT process e.g. because it became clear early in the process that the cases were not ones that could be decided quickly.)

Reasons for cases being taken out of the process post-decision are:

By AIT, case reclassified	17
By Home Office, temporary admission/bail	16
By AIT, Bail	11
By Home Office, Claimant tagged	7
By Home Office claimant accepted as a minor:	3
By AIT, Allowed Appeal	3
By Home Office on Medical Grounds:	2
By Home Office, Other reasons	4
By AIT, Other reasons	2

Detained Fast Track for Male Claimants at Harmondsworth

Data extracted from local management records for period 01/10/2005 - 31/05/2006.

Total removals for period: 731

(Note: the total number of claimants removed in the period 1 October 2005 to 31 May 2006 includes some claimants taken into DFT Harmondsworth before 1 October 2005)

Top 5 countries for removals

1. Nigeria	119
2. Pakistan	98
3. Turkey	63
4. Bangladesh	61
5. Afghanistan	59

A full breakdown of removals by nationality is provided in Annex C

The average number of days in detention from entry to the DFT process to removal from the UK for the 731 cases above was 68.6 days

The median number of days in detention from entry to the DFT process to removal from the UK for the 731 cases above was 51.0 days

Total number of initial decisions in the period 1 October 2005 to 31 May 2006 was 881

Refused Outright:	877
Granted Asylum/HP/DL:	004

Number of cases out of process [pre- decision] : 112

Number of cases out of process [post- decision] : 172

Reasons for cases being taken out of the process pre-decision are:

By Home Office, temporary admission (TA) 62

(Note: TA was invariably granted because it became clear early in the process that the cases were not ones that could be decided quickly.)

By Home Office, Medical Foundation appointment: 21

By Home Office claimant accepted as a minor: 7

By Home Office, Transfer to Third Country Unit 5

By Home Office, Transfer to Oakington RC 4

By AIT, Bail 3

By Home Office on Medical Grounds 1

By Home Office, Other 9

Reasons for cases being taken out of the process post-decision are:

By AIT, case reclassified 53

By Home Office, TA (documentation issues) 35

By Home Office, TA (other reasons) 25

By AIT, Allowed Appeal 20

By AIT, Bail 13

By Home Office claimant accepted as a minor: 2

By Home Office, Medical Foundation appointment: 2

By Home Office, Other reasons 22

Average time in detention for cases taken out of the DFT process pre-decision: 6.8 days

Median time in detention for cases taken out of the DFT process pre-decision: 6.0 days

Average time in detention for cases taken out of the DFT process post-decision: 39.6 days

Median time in detention for cases taken out of the DFT process post-decision: 29.0 days

Annex C

Full breakdown of DFT HW removals by nationality (removed during period 01/10/05-31/05/06)

NIGERIA	119	AZERBAIJAN	2
PAKISTAN	98	EGYPT	2
TURKEY	63	INDIA	2
BANGLADESH	61	MAURITIUS	2
AFGHANISTAN	59	MOLDOVA	2
JAMAICA	30	PERU	2
GHANA	29	ROMANIA	2
UGANDA	24	ST.VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	2
NEPAL	18	UKRAINE	2
ALBANIA	17	ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	1
MALAWI	16	BOLIVIA	1
COLUMBIA	13	BURKINA FASO	1
GAMBIA	13	BURMA (MYANMAR)	1
CHINA	10	BURUNDI	1
ALGERIA	8	CANADA	1
ETHIOPIA	8	CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	1
KENYA	7	CONGO BRAZZAVILLE	1
BELARUS	6	ECUADOR	1
CONGO DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC	6	EL SALVADOR	1
GEORGIA	5	FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA (FRY)	1
IVORY COAST	5	GRENADA	1
MONGOLIA	5	GUINEA-BISSAU (REP. OF)	1
NIGER	5	INDONESIA	1
UZBEKISTAN	5	ISRAEL	1
CAMEROON	4	JORDAN	1
LIBERIA	4	KYRGYZSTAN	1
RUSSIA	4	LEBANON	1
SIERRA LEONE	4	MALAYSIA	1
TANZANIA	4	MALI	1
TOGO	4	MOZAMBIQUE	1
ANGOLA	3	NAMIBIA	1
GUINEA	3	PALESTINE	1
IRAN	3	SRI LANKA	1
KOSOVO	3	ST.LUCIA	1
LIBYA	3	STATELESS	1
SUDAN	3	SYRIA	1
TUNISIA	3	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	1
VENEZUELA	3	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	1
VIETNAM	3	ZAMBIA	1
ARMENIA	2		