
DETENTION AND DEPORTATION ACTION LIST

This action list has been developed to give guidance for action in cases where a service user is detained for deportation. The list is not exhaustive and we encourage feedback in order to continually improve our services to member organisations.

What to do when a service user who is living with HIV is detained for deportation?

- Complete the African HIV Policy Network evidence form - see enclosed copy or visit www.ahpn.org/evidence
- Record any contact with authorities (UKBA, Immigration Detention Centers [IDC]) for future reference
- Record details of dependents, if any. (If you want to know more about children and families in detention read more in this report "*Children, HIV, Asylum & Immigration*" http://partner.ncb.org.uk/dotpdf/open_access_2/asylum_report.pdf)
- Contact the service user's MP and ask them to contact the UKBA in support of the service user (You can find MPs at www.parliament.co.uk)
- Notify the service user's social worker, if he/she has one, and ask them to communicate with the authorities.
- Identify and contact any specific organisation that can support the person's rights, i.e. women's organisations, legal services etc. This is especially important if the person is in contact or supported by other service providers.
- Find a solicitor, if no legal representative has been secured. You can find some of these solicitors at www.ahpn.org/immigration.
- Find out if:
 - The service user has access to his/her HIV medication and other necessary care.
 - The IDC is in contact with his/her HIV clinician
 - Medical records are transferred with the service user
 - The service user has 3 months worth of medication

For further information on "Detention, removal and people living with HIV"

find current BHIVA/NAT guidelines here

www.nat.org.uk/News-and-Media/Press-Releases/2009/June/New%20Removal%20Centre%20Guidance.aspx

If the service user is subject to deportation, action points:

- Contact organisations working in the country of origin to find out about appropriate services and access to continued HIV treatment, care and support. You can find some of these through NAM/aidsmap (www.nam.org.uk), alternatively contact African HIV Policy Network
- Follow up with service user and notify his/her HIV clinician of the deportation
- Collect, record and report or share evidence. (See www.ahpn.org/evidence)

For more information and advice visit www.ahpn.org/evidence