

Dear **[insert MSP name]**,

I am writing to you as a constituent in **[constituency name]** concerned about Scotland's immigration removal centre (IRC), Dungavel House in South Lanarkshire.

Conditions in Dungavel remain lacking with detainees having inadequate access to their wider support network, legal services, and healthcare services, especially in regards to mental health services. Furthermore, the UK is the only country in Europe where indefinite detention for immigration matters is permitted, causing added stress and anxiety which has been found to exacerbate detainees' mental health issues. For more information on the conditions of Dungavel, here is a recent [briefing by Peace & Justice \(Scotland\)](#).

While immigration matters are reserved for Westminster, the Scottish Government should make it clear to Westminster and the Home Office that the use of IRCs and indefinite detention is unjust and that reform is urgently needed. Scotland has a proud history of welcoming refugees and asylum seekers, and the hostile immigration policies put forth by the Home Office should not curtail this aim.

As your constituent, I urge you to pressure Westminster and the Home Office to move away from immigration detention in favour of community-based alternatives to detention and to limit immigration detention to 28 days. I also urge you to advocate for better living conditions and expanded access to legal, paralegal, and healthcare services for detainees in Dungavel.

Sincerely,

**[your name here]**