



James Austin-Smith
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Human Rights Commission
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Dear Mr. Austin-Smith,

Transfer of Prisoners from HMP Northward to Immigration Detention Centre

Thank you for your letter of 12 July, in which you request details of the arrangements being implemented to support the transfer of low risk prisoners from HMP Northward to the Immigration Detention Centre (IDC) at Fairbanks.

Please be advised that plans are currently being progressed to carry out construction work at the IDC to provide spaces for up to 22 low risk prisoners. The specific area of the IDC to be used for this purpose will be separated from the section of the IDC facility that houses the detainees. A segregating fence is being constructed along the facility yard to create two distinct areas. There will be no shared facilities or amenities.

Whilst it is appreciated that this reduces the capacity of the areas where detainees would be held, we do still have room for up to 40 detainees if that was indeed a requirement.

The prisoners that will be relocating to the IDC from HMP Northwards will predominantly be those who are already accessing the community on work placements and therefore most of their day time hours will be spent outside of the Fairbanks facility.

I hope this is helpful.

Sincerely

Steve Barrett
Director of Prisons