



UNGRIPP

Newsletter August 2025 - January 2026



As we begin 2026, UNGRIPP wanted to share the events of the past six months regarding the IPP sentence, and highlight some of the things that are planned for later in the year.

Thanks to everyone who has trusted us, supported us and joined this campaign. We hope that as a collective we can continue to bring the injustice of the IPP sentence to the forefront of people's minds, pressing for change and to ensure that those affected by IPP are never forgotten.

UPDATES

Parliament

IPP was raised in the House of Lords & the House of Commons in debates & questions three times in September, twice in October, four times in November, five times in December & five times in January.

Sentencing Bill On 23rd January the Sentencing Bill was passed in Law. Once this Bill is enacted (likely to be in the summer), people serving an IPP sentence will be eligible to have a review by the parole board to decide if they should have their licence removed two years after their FIRST release. Anyone who is unsuccessful at this stage would then be eligible to have their licence removed automatically if they serve a further two years on licence without recall. Please see the attached sheets for more information.

HMPPS changes

On November 3rd, HMPPS began a 6 month pilot for people recalled on IPP/DPP. The pilot extended the 28 day recall period to 49 days. They hope the pilot will allow a more detailed review of people's cases - leading to faster decisions.

CCRC

On August 1st the CCRC launched a new project to reexamine IPP/DPP sentences that have previously been appealed but had a negative outcome. We would encourage people to get in touch with them to ensure their case is reexamined. Write to: CCRC, 23 Stephenson Street, Birmingham, B2 4BH. Alternatively, get in touch with UNGRIPP and we can post the forms out to you.

EVENTS

UNGRIPP Events

On 29th September UNGRIPP, in collaboration with LUNG, launched the IPP exhibition at the Labour Party Conference. UNGRIPP also led a panel at the conference with the CEO of Liberty & Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe.

In January, the IPP exhibition continued to Tottenham (David Lammy's constituency). Supporters were invited to paint pebbles to honour those lost to the IPP sentence & those still serving; these will form a major installation later this year.

On September 13th, IPP Committee in Action delivered a letter to Parliament highlighting a complaint to the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention. The government has been given until March to issue a response.

On October 22nd they also held a meeting in Parliament with those affected by IPP & key Parliamentarians.

On 22nd October InJustice of IPP held a protest outside the Houses of Parliament. They are planning another event outside Parliament on 15th April 2026.

UNGRIPP's NEXT STEPS

UNGRIPP is planning a few more stops for the IPP exhibition, with the unveiling of an IPP art piece at a key venue that will help raise awareness.

We are also in the planning stages of formally critiquing the IPP action plan. Once we have more information on this we will let you know.

We are planning a Parliamentary event later in the year, we will share more details once this has been organised.

We have launched an online map that directs people to an email to contact their local MP. This map tracks how many people in an MP's constituency have issues with the IPP sentence. We plan to use this information to make MP's aware of the strong sense of feeling about the injustice of IPP sentences.

www.ungripp.com/campaign/ippmap

HMPPS IPP STAKEHOLDER MEETING

In 2023 we asked people affected by IPP if they wanted us to attend the HMPPS IPP Stakeholder meetings, in order to challenge the IPP action plan that is being put forward as a way to fix IPP. 81% of people wanted us to attend these meetings. There was an IPP stakeholder meeting in September and December 2025. HMPPS have minuted versions of these meetings that they can share with you. We have included some of the main items discussed below and some of the issues we pushed on:

- The lack of focus on those who have never been released.
- The inconsistent and ineffective use of progression panels and the lack of communication to those serving an IPP about what progression panels are and what they are for.
- Flaws with the published data and how it is being presented.
- The lack of effectiveness of the action plan.
- For transparency on why parole board adjournments were happening.
- Lack of meeting targets that are set in the action plan.
- At every meeting we call out the ineffectiveness of the action plan.

The next IPP Stakeholders' meetings will take place in March & June. We have requested that HMPPS ensure people in prison are made aware of the agenda and can share their perspective on it.

Our stance on the action plan remains the same: *No action plan will fix this injustice, but our aim is to ensure we hold HMPPS to account within these meetings and ensure they hear what is really happening to people.*

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Ask your family to use our interactive map and contact their local MP to request they raise IPP in Parliament. www.ungripp.com/campaign/ippmap
 - Share all events with family members to see if they would like to get involved.
 - Contact CCRC if you have previously tried to appeal your IPP and it was unsuccessful. Request that they relook at your case.
 - Write to your MP and tell them how this sentence is affecting you and request that they share your case with Lord James Timpson and MP David Lammy.
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NEWS ARTICLES



AUGUST 2025 - JANUARY 2026

BBC	Man still in prison 20 years after stealing phone - here
	Man claims brother's prison sentence is 'torture' - here
	Prisoner's death due to indefinite term - report - here
BIG ISSUE	2,600 forgotten prisoners left to rot indefinitely under 'inhumane' sentences outlawed 12 years ago - here
EXPRESS	Richard Ratcliffe draws parallels between his wife's detention and UK prisoners' plight. here
	My boyfriend's jail term ended 8 years ago - why is he still in prison? - here
GUARDIAN	UK jail escape trial reignites debate over indefinite sentences - here
HOWARD LEAGUE	SPOTLIGHT: Ending the detention of people on IPP sentences. Expert working group publishes proposals to end the detention of people on IPP sentences - here
INDEPENDENT	Indefinite jail terms 'not right and not fair', Lords say in call to end IPP injustice - here
	Inmate who staged rooftop prison protest cleared after using 'cruel' indefinite jail term as defence - here
	It is time to release prisoners trapped by inhuman endless jail terms - here
	Indeterminate and long-term prisoners are dogged by stigma and 'set up to fail' on release, report warns - here
	Scandal of indefinite jail terms has left prisoners damaged by 'state's failure', ex-justice secretary warns - here
	Senior judges reveal regret at handing out 'unfair' indefinite jail terms and call for scandal to be 'put right' - here
	Ministers must summon the courage to right an 'obvious injustice' - here
	Miscarriage of justice watchdog investigates cases of 175 people handed abolished indefinite jail terms - here
	United Nations to investigate 'national scandal' of prisoners trapped on indefinite jail terms - here
	End scandal of indefinite jail terms, Britain's probation chief urges Starmer - here
	Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe calls for end to 'fundamentally wrong' indefinite jail terms in Britain - here
	Abolished indefinite jail term is an 'embarrassment' to Britain, prison officers union chief says - here
	'He's in the right place now': Father jailed for 13 years for stealing phone finally transferred to hospital - here
	Fresh proposals for panel of judges to reconsider cases of every IPP prisoner - here
	'The only way out for me is in a body bag': The desperate final days of IPP prisoner Taylor Atkinson - here

'Defending the indefensible': Government 'will have blood on their hands' over indefinite jail terms - [here](#)

Britain's former top judge tells Starmer: Make things right on cruel indefinite jail terms - [here](#)

The nightmarish catch-22 at the heart of a burning injustice - [here](#)

Driven to mental ill-health: The 233 prisoners trapped on indefinite jail terms in secure hospitals - [here](#)

INSIDETIME

IPP campaigners pressure Parliament as Action Plan described as failing - [here](#)

Sentencing reforms don't go far enough - [here](#)

Government figures suggest it will take 10 years to free IPPs - [here](#)

CCRC reviews IPPs handed to young adults - [here](#)

New Rules for Progression Panels for IPP and DPP Sentences - [here](#)

Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe to address IPP rally at Labour Conference. [here](#)

IPP was "most significant factor" in a prisoner's suicide, rules jury - [here](#)

'We must believe the applicant' - [here](#)

Prisoner took his own life having been denied move to open conditions - [here](#)

Chief Inspector of Probation warns that IPP could still exist 20 years from now - [here](#)

David Lammy called IPP "tragically flawed" - [here](#)

Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe tells Labour Conference meeting IPP must end - [here](#)

Buddy, can you spare the time? - [here](#)

Joint Enterprise and IPP highlighted in Parliament - [here](#)

My country, right or wrong – IPP, Joint Enterprise, and more - [here](#)

Oxford publican takes his own life in prison following recall on IPP sentence - [here](#)

The Government's argument on IPP is flawed - [here](#)

CCRC launches new project to investigate IPP/DPP sentences - [here](#)

Long sentences 'are like a bereavement' - [here](#)

Sir Keir Starmer hits out at "shocking" IPP case during Prime Minister's Questions - [here](#)

IPP was "most significant factor" in a prisoner's suicide, rules jury - [here](#)

Let this be the last year of cruel IPP - [here](#)

Government blocks IPP prisoners from progressing - [here](#)

IPP prisoner to be deported to Jamaica once released - [here](#)

ITV

Crushed by a flawed system': More than 2,000 prisoners being held under defunct UK law - [here](#)

LAD BIBLE

Father in jail for 18 years after being given eight-month sentence still doesn't know when he'll

	be free - here
LAW SOCIETY	Labour conference: Calls for IPP sentences to be fully abolished - here
LBC	Re-sentence prisoners on indefinite sentences to end 'torture', Government told - here
LIVERPOOL ECHO	Man's 'torture' after serving 20 years in prison on a 14-month sentence - here
MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS	Family of IPP prisoner who died of cancer weren't told he was terminally ill - here
PAS	Calls for judicial review of 'failing' IPP action plan - here
PRT	Release from long-term imprisonment - here
RUSSEL WEBSTER	Ending the detention of people on IPP sentences - here
	People recalled on IPP spend longer in prison - here
SOCIALIST WORKER	Panic over early releases ignores the real prison scandal - here
THE TIMES	Like Iran, we jail people without an end in this country too. - here
	Justice, Please. Comment piece - here
THE TIMES RADIO	Times Radio Breakfast with Kate McCann and Stig Abell - here
TRAPPED	Trapped: A Poisoned Chalice - here
THE TRANSFORM JUSTICE	Locked In limbo - the forgotten IPP prisoners - here
UN	UK Torture Expert Urges Rethink on IPP Sentences - here