



As we head towards the end of Summer, UNGRIPP wants to share updates from the past six months on the campaign against the IPP sentence.

Thank you to everyone who continues to trust us, support, and join us. Together, we will keep pushing for change and make sure those affected by IPP are never forgotten.

UPDATES

BREAKING UPDATE: Government Announces Work to Try to Bring an End to IPP Sentences.

In late August 2026, Prime Minister Andy Burnham announced that the government will introduce legislation during this Parliament to bring an end to IPP sentences, this was reinforced in Parliament on the 1st of September. Parliament has stated a cross-party oversight group will be established to oversee implementation and manage public safety. UNGRIPP welcomes this long-overdue step.

What now:

- **Nothing changes yet:** IPP rules remain the same for now.
- **New laws are promised:** The Government will work on proposals for law change. These will need to be approved by Parliament, which can take time.
- **Details are unknown:** We do not know the specific changes or who will be affected.
- UNGRIPP, alongside others, will continue to push for swift and effective action.

Parliament IPP was raised in the House of Lords and the House of Commons in debates and questions four times in February, twice in March, four times in April, three times in May, four times in June and three times in July.

On the 20th of July Andy Burnham became the new Prime Minister. MP Alex Norris was selected as the Secretary of State for Justice. MP Catherine McKinnell became the Prisons Minister.

CCRC In January 2026 the CCRC referred 5 IPP cases back to the court of Appeal. In April 2026 all five IPP cases were successfully squashed.

If you have previously tried to appeal your case, contact the CCRC to ask them to look at it again.

CCRC Address: CCRC, 23 Stephenson Street, Birmingham, B2 4BH (or write to UNGRIPP and we can send you the forms).

IPP action plan research Cambridge University researcher Jake Phillips is carrying out an independent study on the effectiveness of the IPP Action Plan entirely based on your lived experience.

How to participate:

In-Person Interviews: Jake will visit select prisons (we will notify you if your prison is chosen).

By Mail: Complete a printed questionnaire sent directly to Cambridge. To request a questionnaire, contact us and we will send one as soon as possible. Your voice matters.

Licence changes On the 23rd January the amendments relating to licence termination time frame became law. These changes began to be used from 1st June 2026. Please see separate sheet for full details of these changes.

United Nations Pressure: On 15th July the UN, again called for the UK Government to begin an urgent review of IPP sentences. On 23rd July they released a report on the Deprivation of Liberty for 5 cases, calling for the Government to remedy the situation.

EVENTS

UNGRIPP Events

IPP Exhibition: On 29th January UNGRIPP in collaboration with LUNG, held the second stop of the IPP exhibition in Tottenham - David Lammy's constituency. Visitors painted pebbles to remember those lost to IPP and represent those still inside who are still in prison. The pebbles will be used to create a larger installation that will be unveiled in a prominent place later in the year.

MP Map Launch: On 29th January we 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 MPs aware of the strong sense of feeling about the injustice of IPP sentences.

Webinar: On 18th March we hosted a webinar for people affected by IPP sentences.

Other Events

On 15th April and the 15th July, InJustice of IPP held a protest outside the Houses of Parliament. They are planning another event at No 10 in Manchester on 21st October 2026 at 11am.

UNGRIPP's NEXT STEPS

Unveiling: UNGRIPP plans to unveil the pebble art installation, linked to the IPP exhibition, towards the end of the year. Venue to be confirmed nearer the time.

MP Drop in: We are planning a Parliamentary MP drop in event on 20th October. We will be asking people to contact their local MP to request that they attend. We will send more details closer to the time.

OTHER INFORMATION

HMPPS IPP STAKEHOLDER MEETING

In 2023, 81% of people affected by IPP responded to a survey asking us to attend the HMPPS IPP Stakeholder meetings to challenge their proposed action plan. Following meetings in March and June 2026, HMPPS has published official minutes, which are available upon request. Key discussion items and the issues we advocated for are outlined below:

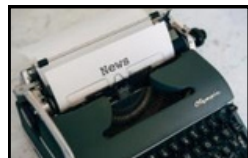
- Long Term High Secure estate, we pushed on the injustice of people still being stuck here despite the sentence being abolished almost 14 years ago.
- The inconsistent and ineffective use of progression panels.
- The lack of effectiveness of the action plan.
- How staff are being monitored effectively.
- How people on an IPP are being involved in decision making about what is happening to them.
- Flaws in the updated action plan

The next IPP Stakeholders' meetings will take place in September and December.

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

- **Contact an MP:** Ask your family to use our interactive map & contact their local MP to request they raise IPP in Parliament and support the changes put forward by Andy Burnham.
- **Research:** Take part in the research that is being carried out by Jake Philips.
- **Events:** Share all events with family members to see if they would like to get involved.
- **Re-appeal via CCRC:** If you were sentenced at age 21 or under, or had a failed appeal, request a CCRC case.



NEWS ARTICLES

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A lawyer Writes	New hope for IPP prisoners - here
BBC	Five prisoners serving indefinite sentences referred for appeal - here
	Judges quash prisoners' indefinite jail sentences - here
Birmingham Live	Birmingham woman spent 16 years in prison for a 21 month crime now back in prison - here
CCRC	IPPs and DPPs: CCRC refers five people's indeterminate sentences for appeal - here
	Six Indefinite Sentences for Public Protection (IPP/ DPPs) Quashed - here
	CCRC refers another IPP prisoner's indeterminate sentence to the Crown Court - here
	CCRC refers two more Indeterminate Sentences for Public Protection (IPPs) to the Court of Appeal - here
	Criminal Cases Review Commission's 7th IPP referral in 2026: 18-year-old given three-year minimum term 16 years ago - here
	CCRC refers cases of two men, given IPP sentences, who are still in prison nearly 20 years after minimum terms ended - here
CCJS	The Case for a Resentencing Review of Extant IPP Prisoners - here
Doughty Street Chambers	Jury finds systemic and operational failings in death of prisoner serving IPP Sentence at HMP Woodhill - here
Guardian	Criminal Cases Review Commission refers indefinite sentences of five men for appeal - here
	Long-term solutions to the Prison Service crisis - here
Independent	Imprisoned indefinitely for stealing a phone is injustice - here
	Britain's former top judge tells Starmer: Make things right on cruel indefinite jail terms - here
	'I was like a hostage. After almost 18 years on an indefinite jail term, they finally admitted my IPP sentence was wrong' - here
	The nightmarish catch-22 at the heart of a burning injustice - here
	New hope for IPP prisoners as five men held on indefinite jail terms referred to appeal courts - here
	This must be a turning point in the fight to end indefinite detentions - here
	Secret prison documents show government plan to tackle IPP scandal will fail - here

Independent	Driven to mental ill-health: The 233 prisoners trapped on indefinite jail terms in secure hospitals - here
	Shameless cruelty': Father held under indefinite jail term for stealing phone faces being sent back to prison - here
	'My son was torn from my arms and I was sent back to prison for crime I didn't commit' - here
	Teen trapped for 20 years on indefinite jail term should have served 18 months, judges rule - here
	Ministers urged to end 'catastrophic cycle' of open-ended IPP recalls - here
	'The torture continues': Father who robbed phone 20 years ago recalled to prison after anonymous phone call - here
	'I just can't do it anymore': Prisoner wrote note blaming 'cruel' indefinite jail term before he was found dead - here
	'I'm so desperate to be freed from prison that I've renounced my British citizenship' - here
	My brother stole a mobile phone - 14 years on he's facing prison again with no release date - here
ITV	Man back in prison due to theft of phone 20 years ago - here
Inquest	Inquest into death of IPP prisoner Charlotte Nokes at HMP Peterborough reopens Monday- here
Laura Janes	Five indeterminate sentences replaced with fixed sentences - here
Liberty Chambers	UN Application Filed on Behalf of 8 IPP Prisoners Led by Felicity Gerry KC - here
Morning Star online	UN urges British government to 'eradicate the stain' of preventative detentions - here
Newsnight	I was left to rot - here
PAS	233 IPP prisoners now in secure units due to deteriorating mental health - here
	Court of appeal overturns six IPP sentences - with 150 further cases to be reviewed - here
Solicitors Journal	Hanson v Parole Board: member guidance on IPP licence termination oral hearings held unlawful - here
The Times	Justice, Please. Comment piece - here
Trapped	Totalitarian State - here
	Arbitrary Detention - here

The Justice gap	Appeal judges overturn six indeterminate sentences - here
	PROOF magazine: Ghosts in the System - here
	Further IPP sentences referred to Court of Appeal as watchdog reviews 180 similar cases - here
UN	UK Torture Expert Urges Rethink on IPP Sentences - here
	United Kingdom: Torture expert calls for judicial reconsideration of IPP sentences and mental health pathways - here
	UK must end IPP sentences as psychological harm continues: UN experts - here
Insidetime	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
	Quicker licence termination for IPPs - here
	IPP linked to Dovegate suicide, reveals Ombudsman, and staff failed him at the end - here
	UNGRIPP launch new initiatives as pressure grows on Government over IPP sentences - here
	IPP Action Plan 'will leave 520 still unreleased by 2030' - here
	IPP campaign group plans return to Parliament - here
	The Inspector Calls - here
	Court of Appeal ruling raises hope for IPPs - here
	CCRC refers another DPP case to the Court of Appeal - here
	The six-year rule which blocks studying - here
	Sentencing Act 2026 – Changes to IPP licence termination - here
	Campaigners publish advice on new IPP licence termination processes - here
	Prisons Minister: “We are well on the way to fixing the system” - here
	Criminal Cases Review Commission refers seventh IPP sentencing case - here
	Phoenix Wing will house IPP prisoners ‘furthest from release’ - here
	‘Deport me,’ pleads man on IPP sentence - here
	United Nations condemns UK’s failure to scrap IPP sentence – as campaigners lobby Parliament - here
	Government’s latest IPP Action Plan is dismissed by campaigners as “same process, same pain” - here