



## UK Torture and Ill-Treatment Review – Preliminary list of issues to consider

The below list of issues is based on the [List of Issues Prior to Reporting](#) document prepared by the UN Committee against Torture in June 2016. The list is indicative of some of the issues that will be covered during the consultations as part of the UK Torture Review. It is not intended to be exhaustive.

The list is divided into five broad areas relevant to the UN Convention against Torture:

- Prisons, policing, armed forces and intelligence services
- Asylum and migration
- Health and social care settings
- Violence and abuse against women, ethnic, religious or sexual minorities and victims of trafficking and exploitation
- Legislative, administrative and judicial procedure

### Prisons, policing, armed forces and intelligence services

- Seconding individuals to the National Preventative Mechanism
- Training of law enforcement officials, prison staff, border guards and other security personnel on the provisions of the Convention against Torture; including the use of electrical discharge equipment (tasers) where applicable
- Training judges, prosecutors, forensic doctors and medical personnel into detecting and documenting evidence of torture (Istanbul Protocol)
- Arrangements for custody
- Detention conditions: overcrowding, court custody, health-care provisions, use of isolation and solitary confinement
- Women and minors in detention
- Inter prisoner violence
- Deaths in custody: in mental health detention, in police custody, investigations, compensation
- Complaints of torture in the reporting period
- Allegations of torture overseas (including ongoing inquiries into allegations of torture and ill-treatment)
- Consolidated Guidance to intelligence officers and service personnel
- Accountability for abuse in Iraq
- Child sexual abuse in detention
- Restraint of children
- Counter-terrorism and human rights protections
- Ill-treatment in Immigration Removal Centres

### Asylum and migration

- Asylum claims: applications received, persons returned, extradited or expelled and appeal mechanisms in place
- Non-refoulement and diplomatic assurances: cases of refoulement, extraditions and expulsions on the basis of diplomatic assurances
- Extradition treaties
- Statelessness
- Detention of asylum seekers

### Health and social care settings

- Preventing ill-treatment of patients receiving health care services
- Persons deprived of their liberty in mental health settings: including people deprived of their liberty without authorisation and alternative forms of treatment
- Use of restraint against people in health care settings
- Corporal punishment
- Inquiries into child sexual abuse and exploitation

### Violence and abuse against women, ethnic, religious or sexual minorities and victims of trafficking and exploitation

- Violence against women/gender based violence: including domestic violence, sexual harassment, gender-based bullying in the education system, female genital mutilation
- Human Trafficking: new legislation and the Modern Slavery Act, international efforts to prevent and combat human trafficking
- Hate Crimes: including Islamophobia and anti-Semitism, disability, transgender
- Migrant domestic workers

### Legislative, administrative or judicial procedure

- Measures taken to incorporate UNCAT into domestic law
- Repeal of the Human Rights Act
- Extraterritorial application of the Convention
- Ambiguities in the legislation (Section 134 (4) and (5) of the Criminal Justice Act 1988)
- Legal aid reform
- Closed Material Procedures
- Universal jurisdiction
- Extradition treaties
- Mutual judicial assistance treaties
- Age of criminal responsibility
- Redress for victims of torture
- Inadmissibility of evidence obtained through torture
- Individual petition to the UN