

## What to remember before, while and after visiting

- Larne House is open for visits Monday to Sunday, 2pm to 9pm
- Call 24h before visit (028 9433 4346)
- You need an ID and proof of residency (utility bill etc.)
- Train stops outside Police Station, Larne House entrance is slightly to the left of the main entrance (follow the fence to a small gate, there is a buzzer).
- Expect to be searched (like in an airport)
- You'll have to leave your bag outside if you bring one.
- Ask to staff to introduce yourself (very briefly explain who we are and what we do)
- We can't give legal advice !!!
- We can top up phones of detainees if needed.
- We can offer to pick up their belongings from their place of residency or make contact with relatives or friends.
- If you offer to pass on details (either to other groups, solicitor etc.) seek consensus and make note of name and means of contact (tel, email etc.)
- If you have concerns regarding a detainee (suspected victim of trafficking or torture, mental health issues, minors etc.) encourage the person in question to speak to staff or offer to do so on their behalf.
- Make some short notes after the visit (how many people you saw, anything you find noteworthy regarding dealing with staff) and mail to the group. For internal use only make notes of anything you think is important to keep as a record. Remember these notes could be used to paint an overall picture of the situation not just in detention but of peoples treatment by home office officials and possible breaches of regulations. Secondary notes to be send to [info@larnehousevisitinggroup.org.uk](mailto:info@larnehousevisitinggroup.org.uk).
- Any questions or anything you need advice with or are unsure about either ask the group ([mailinglist@larnehousevisitinggroup.org.uk](mailto:mailinglist@larnehousevisitinggroup.org.uk)) or if you prefer to keep it rather private contact the co-ordinator ([info@larnehousevisitinggroup.org.uk](mailto:info@larnehousevisitinggroup.org.uk)).
- Our website has a comprehensive link section to other visitor groups and groups that deal with the wider issues of immigration detention including a short description, direct link to their website (if available), email and phone contacts: [www.larnehousevisitinggroup.org.uk/links](http://www.larnehousevisitinggroup.org.uk/links). If you can't find what you're looking for contact the group or the co-ordinator.