Suggested text for email or letter to send to your MP. You must include your postal address at the beginning or end of the letter or email so they know you’re a constituent. Text in red should be removed or replaced.

Dear [full name]

# Imprisonment for Public Protection (IPP)

You may be aware that these indeterminate sentences were abolished in 2012. Yet I understand there are still nearly 3,000 people in prison, still subject to their original IPP sentences, with no release date set.

[Write something about your personal feelings or interest in this subject. For example “As a Quaker, I believe that all human beings are equal and deserve to be treated humanely.” Or “As a Quaker Prison Chaplain, I have seen first-hand the impact of these sentences on people’s mental health.”]

Quakers have been at the forefront of penal reform since the early days of the faith and count among our number the great prison reformer Elizabeth Fry. We have campaigned for the total abolition of IPP sentences for many years.

Quakers in Britain have urged the government to follow the recommendations of the UK parliament’s Justice Committee and re-sentence all remaining IPP prisoners and we are in communication with others, including Justice Secretary Alex Chalk, to establish how this might be achieved safely.

These people suffer profound psychological harm and mental torture having no set date for release in prisons full to capacity which cannot address their needs. The IPP sentence is aptly name “In Perpetual Purgatory”

As my MP I ask you to push the government to resolve this cruel issue in line with the [recommendations](https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm5803/cmselect/cmjust/266/report.html) made by the Justice Committee in September 2022.

Yours sincerely / In Friendship

[Full name]

[Postal address]

Note: Numbers involved as of June 2023: 8,185 IPP prisoners overall; of which 1,312 have never been released and 1,597 are back in prison following recall.