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# Improvements to Adelaide Immigration Detention Centre but length of detention still a concern

The Commonwealth National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) visited the Adelaide Immigration Detention Centre (IDC) between 3 and 4 October 2023 to look at how people in detention were being treated.

Overall, the Commonwealth NPM team found a small well-run centre. Improvements had been made to the infrastructure and facilities in the centre, in response to recommendations the Commonwealth NPM made at their last visit in June 2022.

While these findings are pleasing, Commonwealth Ombudsman and NPM, Iain Anderson, noted that *"extended periods of immigration detention can in themselves lead to individuals developing significant mental health problems, due to the lack of certainty as to the length of detention and the outcome that might result."*

Mr Anderson has previously made recommendations about concerns related to extended immigration detention, including in the [Annual Report of the Commonwealth National Preventive Mechanism](#).

The publication of this visit summary is the first in a series of summaries that will be published on an ongoing basis.

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