# Detaining the destitute. PAFRAS briefing paper number 2

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#### **Aims**

This briefing on detention is part of a series that provides concise analyses of key policies and concerns relating to people made destitute through the asylum process.

## Methodology

Policy analysis and data from interviews with people who use the Positive Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers [PAFRAS] drop-in.

### **Key issues**

The paper provides some figures on those in detention and describes the use of detention as a form of coercion and criminalisation. The paper also discusses issues of contracting out detention to private companies.

#### Conclusions

The suffering of destitute asylum seekers is further silenced by a coercive policy climate which uses destitution as a policy to remove people from the country.

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