

Mitie wins contract to run UK's first all-electric 'green' Immigration Removal Centre

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Mitie, the UK's leading facilities transformation provider, has been awarded a six-year contract to run Campsfield IRC for the Home Office, overseeing the everyday running of the IRC from Custody and Detention to Welfare Services, reinforcing Mitie's position as the Home Office's leading provider of immigration removal services.

Upon completion of the refurbishments, Campsfield IRC will have capacity for up to 400 detainees and be the first 'green' IRC, running solely on renewable electricity, heat pumps, and solar panels contributing to energy efficiency. The contract will employ around 200 colleagues from Custody Officers and Managers to Educational Tutors and Religious Affairs colleagues.

Campsfield IRC has been reopened as part of the Government's Plan for Change to expand the size of the Immigration Detention Estate and will support the Home Office's ambition to modernise immigration detention facilities and increase removal rates.

Facilities management and cleaning & hygiene services at the IRC will provide local jobs, underscoring Mitie's work to support better places and thriving communities.

This contract builds on Mitie's successes at Manston Reception Centre and the Dungavel and Heathrow IRCs, the latter receiving positive outcomes following His Majesty's Inspectorate of Prison's most recent visit, which recognised the work Mitie's team has done to ensure a high standard of care. One of Mitie's Heathrow colleagues also recently received an award from The Butler Trust – a charity that recognises the

exceptional work of frontline custodial colleagues.

Russell Trent, Managing Director, Immigration and Justice, Mitie Care & Custody, said: “We are proud to continue our partnership with the Home Office and to play a leading role in delivering safe, respectful, and supportive environments for those in our care.

“The award of this contract is a testament to the dedication of our colleagues and our commitment to innovation and best practice in custodial services.”