ASAP quarterly monitoring report

DUTY SCHEME

TOTAL NUMBER OF APPELLANTS ASSISTED

In Q4 we helped 173 appellants. Including dependants, the total number of people reached was 217. We assisted 92% of appellants who had an oral hearing (excluding people who we could not have helped, even if we had been able to).  

APPEAL OUTCOMES

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Where the tribunal remits an appeal against a decision to discontinue support, the appellant keeps their support. We consider this to be a successful outcome so add them to the allowed rate to produce a combined success rate of 71%.

APPEAL SUBJECT

1. Section 4 (s4) regulation 3(2)(e) – further submissions cases (67 cases): 61% allowed, 10% remitted, 28% dismissed.
2. s4 destitution cases (18 cases): 72% allowed, 6% remitted, 22% dismissed.
3. s4 medical cases (17 cases): 53% allowed, 18% remitted, 29% dismissed.
4. Section 95 (s95) destitution cases (15 cases): 71% allowed, 6% remitted, 29% dismissed.
5. s95 and s4 breach of conditions cases (10 cases): 80% allowed, 10% dismissed.

REFERRALS

We received 183 referrals from 66 agencies. We were able to meet 95% of these referrals.

CLIENT PROFILE

- The top nationalities of appellants were Iranian, Iraqi, Nigerian, Afghan (=4), Pakistani (=4), Zimbabwean (=4), Sri Lankan (=4).
- 75% of appellants were men, 25% were women.
- 18% of appellants had children.
- Most appellants lived in the North West (19%), Wales (17%) or London (15%).
- 57% experienced circumstances that may make them more vulnerable. Most commonly these were health issues, with 27% suffering from mental health problems, 6% from physical health problems and 12% from both.
We took 238 calls this quarter from 87 agencies

- Calls mainly came from London (29%), Scotland (13%), Wales (10%) and the South West (10%).
- Most calls related to s4 or s95 support (77%). We are still receiving calls relating to s4(1) or schedule 10 support (5%) although that proportion has gone down. Other calls related to Home Office procedures and community care support.
- Only 5% of calls were general in nature. Most users had questions relating to an individual’s case. Of these, 56% were about men, 44% about women.
- The top nationalities were Afghan, Iranian, Congolese (DRC) (=3), Pakistani (=3) and Iraqi (=3).
- 21% of calls related to families with children including 10% single parent families.
- 44% of calls related to people receiving government support; 34% were helped by their communities and charities while 9% survived exclusively thanks to charitable assistance.
- In 48% of calls, the individuals had to deal with additional issues, mainly health problems, which could increase their vulnerability.

WOMEN’S PROJECT

Duty scheme

- We helped 44 women this quarter; 31 women faced circumstances which may make them more vulnerable, 10 of whom had experienced gender-based violence.
- 11 women had children, 4 of whom were single parents.

Advice line

- In 24 of the 98 calls relating to women (24%), agencies reported instances of gender-based violence.
- 59 women (60%) experienced circumstances that may make them more vulnerable.
- 37 had children, 22 of whom were single parents.

ASYLUM SUPPORT ADVICE NETWORK (ASAN)

- ASAN welcomed 31 new members in Q4.
- Membership stands at 915 advisers throughout the UK.
- There were 125 conversations generating 240 posts among 211 people.
- There was a wide variety of topics discussed on ASAN but 3 topics generated a larger number of posts than others: 2 conversations on the conditions of accommodation (23 posts among 14 members); 2 conversations relating to medical care (16 posts among 10 members); and 5 conversations about family reunion (13 posts among 11 members).