

Clients who have exhausted all legal processes for asylum - Working with Details

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This is when:

- Legal process is ended
- No prospect of new evidence
- Section 4 support is not available
- ASSIST support not available - because legal processes exhausted

In this situation, the visitor, in consultation with the LJP, may request an Assessment of the client's situation and possible options from Jo Renshaw, SWVG Legal Advisor.

In the situation where a claim for asylum can no longer be pursued, the visitor can explain the options for Voluntary Return and by:-

- Providing latest country/regional information
- Providing information about the Voluntary Return Scheme (which can provide free flight and some money for resettlement). This scheme is run by Refugee Action. It is London based and deals with all stages from pre-decision counselling to resettlement after returning. Contact details are free phone 0808 8000007 or email choices@refugee-action.org.uk;
- Or exploring the possibility of return to another country,

And also:

- Discuss with the client the possibility of their being picked up and detained
- Give the client information about what to do in the event of their being detained and/or removed (see SWVG policy re Detention and Removal)

Whilst the client decides how to respond to the situation the visitor can:-

- Support the client in discussing his options with friends and relatives and in securing accommodation with them.
- Support the client in being active and maintaining their health.

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Possible changes to clients situation:-

- Change in country of origin re Human Rights/political situation. May enable case to be re-opened on Human Rights grounds or immediate removal.
- Change in UK government policy. eg amnesty or immediate removal.

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