

Overview of what DASH offers.

- We offer casework and referral to efficient solicitors
- Everyone who comes with casework issues is seen on the day and appropriate action taken
- We are in the process of becoming registered providers of advice



- Support with transport costs to get to solicitor appointments, Croydon, Liverpool and other essential travel
- Taking vulnerable clients to Leeds to sign and offering transport costs to those who do not qualify for Home Office support with this enabling them to stay within the law
- Proactive support around detention and imprisonment, including visits
- WE HAVE NEVER HAD A CLIENT DEPORTED TO THEIR HOME COUNTRY
- 24/7 support for emergencies



- 24/7 interpreting support for speakers of Farsi, Gilacki, Sorani Kurdish, Komanji Kurdish, Arabic, Vietnamese, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Urdu, Punjabi, Amharic, Tigrinya, Albanian and Mandarin: other languages sourced as required
- Proactive support with accommodation issues including G4S housing and post refusal support.
- NO ASYLUM SEEKERS SLEEPING ROUGH IN HUDDERSFIELD SINCE NOEMBER 2011 TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, VERIFIED BY SALVATION ARMY.
- We currently have ten spaces in housing loaned to us, with one emergency space, enough hosts and are about to begin accessing housing in empty vicarages
- Destitution support of £10pw when eligibility for Red Cross support ends, then £23pw indefinitely contingent on attending at least one English class per week and doing some volunteering for DASH, when funds allow – currently suspended.



- Support with transport costs for families and vulnerable adults to attend DASH drop ins twice a week – currently suspended
- Support to challenge health charges imposed on destitute clients
- Lunch at the drop ins with the possibility of taking home leftovers
- Bread and other items to take away on Mondays as part of Tesco's Fareshare scheme, available to anyone
- Fruit and vegetables to take away on Thursdays sponsored by Meltham Mormon Church, available to destitute clients and families
- Regular donations of food and toiletries monthly from the Al Suffah Mosque
- Clothes, including purchasing clothes where necessary, particularly suitable footwear



- Assistance with applying for school uniform – from Uniform Exchange – including purchasing items not available
- Regular donations of socks and underwear from Lindley Mormon Church for destitute clients
- Supporting clients to access human rights assessments and assisting them to settle into their new abode when successful
- Taking clients to medical appointments where appropriate and ensuring medication is accessed
- Checking regularly that HC2 certificates are valid and assisting clients to reapply when they expire
- Liaising with the NHS when they try to charge clients for having out of date HC2 certificates or for treatment



- Supporting clients to register with an NHS dentist and attend appointments where appropriate
- Supporting clients to go to an optician and access appropriate eye care
- Supporting clients to access Red Cross mobility aids
- Liaising with mental health services where appropriate to ensure clients are safe, particularly after attempted suicides
- Liaising with local authority over arranging care provision for vulnerable clients and visiting clients to ensure they are safe and well; facilitating visits by the family to the person in care
- Undertaking hospital visits, including hosting support to clients who have previously been sectioned
- Monthly cinema club for children, free with snacks in summer and hot food in winter



- Four English classes per week led by fully qualified ESOL tutors
- Supported volunteering opportunities which lead to actual jobs when clients get leave to remain
- Encouraging clients to support each other and create a thriving community built on friendliness and trust
- Support with accessing bank account, housing, housing benefit, child benefit, child tax credit, JSA and ESA when clients have leave to remain; follow up support with council tax and utilities issues
- Loans available at the rate of £50ppw for clients in the benefit gap, repayable on receipt of backdated benefit, when funds allow – currently suspended
- Support with accessing benefits for family reunion cases and loans/cash in the meantime
- Support with issues with school and college including transport costs for clients whose children cannot access a school within walking distance
- Support for clients to access college and university education



- Trips, activities and cultural events for adults (66 last year including visits to the West Yorkshire Playhouse, Opera North, world music events at the Grand, the National Mining Museum, Castle Hill, the Media Museum and Huddersfield Art Gallery on a regular basis)
- Trips, activities and cultural events for children in the school holidays
- Support with accessing furniture, carpets, vacuum cleaners and white goods in partnership with the St Vincent de Paul Society, Acts 435, the Welcome Centre and Pass It On; facilitating delivery of items including follow up



- Support with accessing funding for clients for education purposes
- Befriending scheme (currently being set up in a more formal way)
- Support with general form-filling
- Liaison with organisations in other areas if clients are moved including follow up
- Referrals to and liaison with other organisations in the region where appropriate including follow up
- Last year DASH supported 42 people who were successful in their asylum claims including 11 whom were appeal rights exhausted
- We celebrate successful claims with cake and candles!