# Call for case studies –

# Problems suffered due to access immigration legal aid

**Examples**

We are interested in any examples where someone was eligible for legal aid for an immigration or asylum issue, but unable to obtain it and suffered problems as a result.

Below are some examples of the types of problems people with different immigration or asylum issues are likely to have experienced:

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| **Issue** | **Problems that people may experience due to lack of legal aid** |
| All | Long delay in resolving the immigration issue  Facing return to country of origin |
|  | Facing problems due to lack of immigration status |
|  | Facing destitution in the UK |
|  | Incurring debt to pay for private legal representation |
|  | Getting bad advice from an unregulated advisor |
|  | Separation from family members |
| Asylum | Asylum claim being treated as withdrawn |
|  | Asylum claim being refused |
|  | Unable to appeal, or missing appeal deadline |
|  | Facing removal to Rwanda |
| Domestic Violence | Difficulty leaving a partner due to impact on status |
|  | Having existing status taken away when leaving a partner |
| Trafficking | Feeling unable to recover from trauma |
|  | Being unable to obtain benefits or other support |
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**CASE STUDY TEMPLATE**

**Problems accessing Immigration and Asylum Legal Aid**

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| **Person and organisation submitting** |  |
| **Contact details of person submitting for follow up** |  |

If you would like to provide more than one case study, please copy the table below for each case study. Please provide as much detail as possible, particularly in relation to the detriment suffered by the client.

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| **Internal case identifier/ individual’s initials** |  |
| **Is the client from a particularly vulnerable group? Please provide details if so.** |  |
| **Description of issue** |  |
| **Geographic area of client (and provider, if different)** |  |
| **Details of referral attempts (e.g. number of attempts, length of delays, obstacles faced)** |  |
| **Detriment suffered as a result of client not accessing legal aid advice, or delays in them doing so** |  |
| **Have you tried to access remote legal advice provision for the client? Was this successful and, if so, did remote provision itself present any challenges?** |  |
| **Eventual outcome (or current status if no outcome has yet been secured)** |  |