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## Help After Release: Support for Criminalised Asylum Seekers in the UK



We are Refugee Legal Support (RLS), an organisation providing assistance to people seeking safety in the **UK** and **Europe** through **community legal information, legal aid, strategic litigation, and partnerships with law firms**. We offer support to asylum seekers in the UK, please read this flyer to know who we can support and what support we can offer you.

### Who can RLS help?

The **Post Release Support Project** provides **post-release** support to individuals who have been criminalised due to irregular entry into the UK. The project assists people navigating their situation **after release from prison**, particularly by coordinating legal and support needs. This assistance includes communication with the Home Office, probation services, legal representatives, and other relevant agencies.

We can support Asylum seekers who:

### Who can we support?

- Have been **criminalised for offences connected to irregular entry into the UK** (for example, small boat arrival, steering or driving a boat, or facilitation linked to entry);
- Are currently in **detention, recently released, or subject to probation or licence conditions** related to these offences;
- Require support that falls within the project's scope, including communication with the Home Office, probation services, legal representatives, and post-release support;

We are **not able to support individuals** with **criminal matters** that are **not related to irregular arrival**.

### What can we assist you with?

We can provide practical post-release support, including:

- Communication with the **Home Office**
- Communication with **probation services and licence conditions**
- Coordination with **legal representatives** (including asylum solicitors)
- Support in managing **post-release issues and requirements**
- Helping individuals understand their situation and next steps
- Liaising with **relevant agencies and services** on your behalf
- Supporting communication between different organisations involved in your case
- Signposting or referring you to **specialist or external support services where needed**

### How to apply to get supported by RLS?

- You can request support by completing our [referral form](https://refugeelegalsupport.org/projects/legal-support-for-criminalised-asylum-seekers) via this link <https://refugeelegalsupport.org/projects/legal-support-for-criminalised-asylum-seekers>.
- You can find us by searching: "**Legal Support For Criminalised Asylum Seekers**" or scan the QR code with your phone camera

Once a referral is received, it will be reviewed to assess eligibility and priority based on the needs of the individual and the project's capacity.

