

Hi and welcome to the re-launch of the DASH newsletter. We have now been operating for two years. A lot has happened since the last newsletter. In June we gained charitable status, and were awarded a grant from the BIG Lottery Fund.

We have completed over 1100 nights of hosting this year, and the TOMORROW Centre, our Tuesday drop in, goes from strength to strength. Around 30 people come each week, with various queries, and we try to make them feel welcome and supported.

At the moment we are hosting four people, one of whom has made a fresh claim, and we are hopeful that he will be successful. 19 individuals whom we have supported were previously refused asylum and have now been given leave to remain. We also assisted another person to claim asylum, which she was granted very quickly, and supported one who already had leave to remain.

We always need more volunteers, although we have a large number of people who volunteer on Tuesday afternoons, and client volunteers who are keen to help.

We are very grateful to Samaritans for their support in offering us an operating space. We are also grateful to Locala who provided money to take families out on trips over the summer. These were led by Someiia Rashid, and there were seven in all, including a day out at Dewsbury-on-not-so-sunny sea. They were a great success and we hope to have more trips in the future.