

Understanding the Asylum Process

Arrival in the UK

When you arrive in the UK, the Home Office and Children's Services will begin assessing your needs and ensuring you are safe.

Registration and Screening

You will be asked some initial questions about who you are, where you have travelled from and why you came to the UK

Statement of Evidence Form

You will provide information about why you are seeking asylum in the UK.

Substantive Asylum Interview

This is the main interview where you explain your experiences and reasons for seeking protection.

Home Office Decision

The Home Office will make a decision about your asylum claim.

UASC Leave Granted

Temporary permission to stay in the UK until you are 17½.

Turning 18

Before you turn 18 & your leave expires, Before your leave expires, you may need to make a further application

Leave to Remain Granted

Application Refused

Asylum Granted

You are recognised as needing protection and can remain in the UK.

**Important:**  
Your solicitor or legal representative will support you with any future applications and explain what options may be available.

Asylum Refused

You may have the right to appeal the decision.

Appeals

If your claim is refused, you may be able to appeal the decision and seek advice from your solicitor or legal representative

Appeal Allowed

Appeal Refused

Every asylum case is unique. Your solicitor or legal representative can explain how the asylum process applies to your individual circumstances.

**Ongoing Support**  
Throughout the process, support may be available from:  
Your Social Worker  
Foster Carer or Key Worker  
Personal Adviser  
Solicitor or Legal Representative  
Gloucestershire Virtual School  
Health Professionals