

Podcast script for Ealing Law Centre

Hi, congratulations, you're halfway there. I'm Vicky from Ealing Law Centre. We're a law centre that provides advice on immigration, housing and welfare benefits, so we would not be able to do the work that we do without our generous funding from London Legal Support Trust, and you're all contributing to that today.

I wanted to just tell you a little bit about a client that we helped. This was with a generalist support. A client we spent almost 20 hours with one way or another. She's extremely vulnerable. She'd worked with a housing solicitor before, but she was ~ highlighted for managed migration for Universal Credit. She couldn't even face opening or doing anything to do with the letters. She suffers from mental health problems, anxiety, depression, ADHD. In June, she received a managed migration notice. She was unable to deal with this mentally. We made several, several extensions and she was unable to cope with face-to-face appointments.

We took her information into the job centre for her. We built up a lot of trust. The migration process was only finally finished last week. I wanted to highlight this. This isn't legal work, but this is essential to making sure clients get the wraparound support they're needed, and London Legal Support Trust have enabled law centres to do this. The amount of time we spent with this client, this was around in the region of 20 hours of support. It's really, really important to know that sometimes people do need that face-to-face long-term and ongoing support. Funding like London Legal Support Trust allows us to do that.

We want to say a massive thank you to everyone out there who's walking. And please make sure that you do as much fundraising as possible. You've only got five kilometres to go. You've got this.