

## **Case Study – May 23**

My client Theresa is an asylum seeking older lady who is partially blind. When she approached the Manna Centre, she was rough sleeping in the police station, the only place she felt safe. Her legs had swollen painfully from sleeping sitting up every night. I tried numerous night shelters, however unfortunately they were all full. I also tried to help her to obtain the asylum support accommodation she was legally entitled to – however the only way to apply for this at the moment is through the organization Migrant Help, who were themselves extremely busy, and Theresa was placed on a long waiting list. Eventually, I managed to make an application for Theresa to be given accommodation by the local authority NRPF team. This team helps people with care and support needs who have No Recourse to Public Funds. Theresa has herself approached this team before but had difficulty communicating the full extent of her needs. Once these were explained, the council offered Theresa an assessment, after which they provided her with accommodation. We have also managed to link Theresa in with a solicitor who will be able to help her with her asylum case.