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I hope that you are well. I just wanted to follow up from our meeting last month, firstly to say thank you for both giving me the time and also making a commitment of engagement in terms of working more closely together in the future, so we can work together to better ensure positive outcomes for both communities and our service users.

As discussed in the meeting, the pathway development that we have been conducting with has now drawn to completion, and we will be looking to roll out that pathway for future cases coming through the asylum Journey, both to better manage the expectation of service users, and to ensure the safety and protection of those former asylum seeking households in receipt of a negative decision where their vulnerability may infer duties of care or accommodation may be owed under another legislative framework outside of immigration legislation.

Equally the process at the end of the pathway in terms of ending accommodation for negative cases who will not be owed another duty and who are overstaying in terms of lock change issuing will begin to be introduced. It is likely we will begin this piece of work w.c 30th July, and ahead of then we will be issuing communications to key stakeholders in terms of that process.

Our main priority is to ensure the process is managed sensitively, to effectively address any concerns of partners, but fundamentally to ensure that we are able to generate sufficient capacity in terms of accommodation for those starting their asylum journey - we all agree resorting to contingency accommodation is not appropriate, and there are currently almost 250 service users residing in accommodation who have been issued a decision by the Hone Office that they will not be granted refugee status, and who aren't actively pursuing an appeal.

I expect there may be some concerns raised by the VCS with members, and as such I wanted you to be aware ahead of any communications going out - albeit we did discuss at our meeting.

I would appreciate it if there are no communications from yourself on this ahead of our communications going out, and I will ensure that you are copied into those comms. However of course, if you wish to follow up from that with members that is completely understandable.







































