

Results

Total cases who had reports prepared = 38

Pre-decision =31

Post-decision =7

Pre-decision Outcomes

Outcomes available for 24/31

(No outcome 7/31; 3 HO not made a decision; 1 now in criminal process; 3 with a solicitor not providing information)

Positive HO decision in 21/24 (87.5%)

Negative HO decision in 3/24 (13.5%)

Post decision Outcomes

Outcomes available after Tribunal for

7 cases prepared for Tribunal

6/7 positive decision; 1/7 refused

Plus the 3 HO refusal cases prepared for pre-decision stage were overturned at appeal (without need for more reports)

9/10 (90%) cases at appeal were successful.

Overall Outcomes (Pre and Post)

Outcomes available for 31/38 cases

30 positive results; 1 refusal

30/31 (97%)



COI	Pre- decision	Post-decision
Afghanistan	1	
Algeria		1
Cameroon	3	
Chad	1	
China	1	
Eritrea	1	
Ethiopia	2	1
Iraq	5	1
Pakistan		2
Rwanda	2	
Somalia	1	
South Africa	1	
St Vincents and Grenadine	1	
Sudan	7	
Vietnam	4	2
Zimbabwe	1	

Stage	Time
Referral to assessment	Av 29 days
Assessment to report issued	Av 15 days
Referral to report issue	Av 49 days

12/38 were UASC referrals

No referrals were rejected except when already documented by a health professional.

At least 5 granted refugee status without interview after report.

Time: 2 hr appointment, @4-5 hours write up.

Qualitative Feedback from Solicitors

Reports clear, short, easy for HO to understand

Explanations provided about mental health which can affect appearance of credibility.

Identified distress pre-interview (some interviews were then considered unnecessary as the witness vulnerable)

Especially useful when client unable to give coherent or full account

Increased confidence of client pre interview

Comfort of being seen in solicitors offices.

Availability of report and timescales and cost

Feedback from Judges (Determinations)

Use of IP

Qualifications and experience of report writer

Perception of balance and care not to over-state findings

Qualitative Feedback from GPs

Were not always aware of the history of abuse

Requests for training

Qualitative Feedback from Clients

Hard to obtain, but most feedback was about seeing a 'nice' doctor who made them feel comfortable

Unknowns from Pilot

Small sample of 38 (31 results) cases

Mostly one clinician (although no negative decisions so far on the cases completed post pilot using other report writers.)

Mostly good solicitors firms

Are these shorter reports necessary pre-decision?

Are these shorter reports needed for UASC cases?

Would something else even more efficient have the same effect?

Concerns

Already experiencing mission creep – time up to 2.5 hours, increasing write up time!