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Dear Supporter of DCC or user of our services,

**Re The future of DCC**

I am writing as chair of the trustees. This letter has been read by and approved by all the trustees.

For nearly 15 years volunteers at DCC have been standing alongside asylum seekers and new refugees. The help we offer is too varied to summarise easily but covers many aspects of asylum, health, housing and social support.

As a charity we pride ourselves on our flexibility and being able to adapt to all the challenges that are thrown at us. To list just a few:-

Change from G4S to Mears.

Changing companies who provide Aspen Services.

COVID.

The use of dispersal accommodation in outlying villages.

The introduction of hotels.

The decreasing number of legal aid solicitors.

The introduction of eVisas.

The ever changing legislation introduced by ever changing government initiatives.

One thing we cannot adapt to is the passing of the years. The time of many of the key volunteers is increasingly being taken up helping the next generation, our grandchildren, into this world or helping the current generation out of it.

A significant and acknowledged failure of the trustees is succession planning and recruiting people to take over the charity.

Hence, planning for the future, it hurts me to say that we plan to close the DCC in its current format. We expect to start winding down the charity in January 2026 and closing at the end of our current funding agreement and our financial year on the 31st of March 2026.

We sincerely hope that support for people seeking asylum in Doncaster will continue without the DCC and we wish to thank all those who have supported and helped us in so many ways.

Best wishes to all,

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