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Monday 8th July.

Dear Prime Minister Starmer,

I am writing to share my concerns over the way the government are treating asylum seekers, such as they are getting so little pay that they can barely afford food for the week and even buy clothes. But even then, the government still don't allow them to work which could help them afford a bit more necessities. This also denies leisure activities because of not being able to afford them. This leads to boredom, just sitting in your hotel room most of the time which could even lead to depression because of the lack of socialising. You could phrase it as just existing not living, this could lead them to lose motivation

Another statement is about university, all young people should have the right to have education but, if an adult cannot finish their education that leads to no qualifications which means lower paid jobs. And poverty is a huge thing in Birmingham, which means that living standards are incredibly low for many people.

Furthermore, a big issue is that asylum seekers who have travelled so far to this country for their wellbeing and safety, are then always being moved around may sometimes feel like an animal being shunted all around the place. Being moved every couple of months can be difficult for asylum seekers because they always need someone to socialise with, so they make friends but then are moved with extraordinarily little notice which means not a lot of time to say goodbye. And they must share a room with a total stranger which they have never met before. This could lead to physical harm as Samir (an asylum seeker from Ethiopia we met) had experienced.

I hope you take proper action on my concerns.

Yours Faithfully

Mr Joshua Taylor