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Working together to support and celebrate migration

## From Asylum Seeker to Life Saver



Before he left Syria, A. was an **ENT Surgeon**. He was keen to continue with his career but with very **limited funds** and no support he was finding it difficult to find a way to do this. His problems came to light during his **Initial Assessment with the This Way 4 English Team** and subsequent **ESOL Zoom lessons**. With a lot of support and reassurance he was finally able to get some sponsorship from **Refuaid** to allow him to take the necessary English for healthcare workers (OET) exams to allow him to practice in the UK

However, he needed to have his certification attested by a notary. Initially he was told this would cost him £120 which is way beyond his means. His GP was unable to help him with attestation. With a lot of **effort and tenacity the team** was able to find a solicitor who would attest his documents for him at a very reduced cost – though still a lot for an asylum seeker on **very limited funds**.

He undertook his exam on 11/10/20 and has been able to register as an ENT doctor under the new Covid-19 scheme. It usually takes 2 weeks to get the results and once he passes and after that he will be able to work as an **asylum seeker assistant doctor**. I think it is brilliant!!!! **He is still attending zoom sessions to improve his fluency.**



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