

### Hasan, 17 years old

Hasan is a nearly 18 year old refugee from Afghanistan. After the completion of this successful asylum procedure, his residence permit and passport issuance are currently pending.

Before he lived in this shelter, Hasan was hosted in the protected area (*safe space*) in Diavata camp, maintained and supported by our organisation. According to his own testimonies, he used cannabis extensively for more than six years.

Hasan continued to use cannabis in and outside the structure and he admitted to staff that he has dealt in the substance. Indeed, for a time there were indications that he might practice in the dealing for other forms of hard drugs as well.

Staff had indication of Hasan dealing in cannabis, even inside the structure. If this action would be confirmed, it would endanger himself, the other minors and the structure itself. Although Hasan indicated that drug use frightens him, on the other hand, he stated that it gives him a rush that cannot be found elsewhere. His reference person worked systematically with him in an effort to fight his addiction. Several limits were imposed on the minor and he received enhanced psychosocial support.

These new limits restricted his mobility, which should have made it harder for him to obtain the drugs. He was permitted to leave the hostel only for school and the supervised activities planned by the structure. Since then, staff have constantly checked when he returned to the structure, which should not be no later than 18:00.

In the beginning, Hasan collaborated and behaved responsibly within the limits that were imposed upon him. In order to facilitate living with the limitations, staff added activities to the agenda that would be of particular interest to him. However, after 1.5 month he started to break the limits restricting his movement.

Managing his case to a successful conclusion posed considerable challenges. His minority support would be terminated within a few weeks after his admission in the care structure, when he would have become an adult. With his asylum request accepted, he would also need to stay in Greece and would need to integrate within Greek society. His continued lifestyle and addiction, made it impossible for him to be properly supported by the current care structure and with his migration and medical background, it finding professional employment and a place to leave would have been very hard.