Key Issues to Challenge on the Immigration Bill

* Ensure pregnant women are safeguarded in S95a regulations – should be entitled to S95a support from 7 months of pregnancy (like in S4)
* Ensure families are safeguarded in S95a regulations
* What will be the right of appeal against a refusal from the LA to support destitute family (perhaps on grounds of alleviating destitution through leaving the UK)
* Importance of appeal right for S95a claims based on medical grounds
* Support for care leavers
* 21 day time-scale for S95a application for a refused single adult (letters not received on time; not passed on; not understood; coupled with reduced number of services supporting with appeals)
* Exclusion of some children from S17 of the Children’s Act
* What’s the definition of a ‘genuine obstacle’
* No right of appeal against a refusal to provide S95a
* Potential impact on access to free healthcare for refused asylum seekers
* Capacity of local authority to make adequate decision on new legislation considering limited resources
* Low rate of asylum support
* Extend 28 days for new refugees to 3+ months
* Issues around mental health of clients and capacity to engage in process
* Implications for voluntary organisations of new patchwork support