

**Kacper and Oliwia: “We will continue studying in Scotland. We will realise our dreams of becoming a chef and a pilot”**

Kacper\* and Oliwia\* left Poland with their parents and arrived in Scotland when they were 6 and 2 years old.

Soon after arriving in their new home, their father’s abusive behaviour towards them and their mother started. He had issues with drug misuse. Due to this difficult situation, Kacper and Oliwia came to the attention of social work services who were heavily involved in supporting the family.

After their parents divorced, their mother become a lone parent. However, their mother was suffering from severe mental health issues as a result of the abuse she endured and she was unable to look after her children.

Kacper and Oliwia were taken into the care of social work services and placed with a foster family. Following Brexit, their social worker contacted us to request legal advice to help Kacper and Oliwia with their right to remain in UK. We helped them apply for Settled Status, and a few years later, for British Citizenship.

They are still living with their foster family and continue to thrive in their studies. Kacper is hoping to become a chef one day and Oliwia would like to be a pilot.

With your help, we can continue to provide advice to help people claim their rights and support children like Oliwa and Kacper who are now building a new life in Scotland.

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