

Housing Review Timeline: Nnamdi Okpala

Reference: Thurrock Council Case 1083077

Section 202 Review Period: May 2025 - August 2025

Review Closure Date: 14 August 2025

Council Meeting: 27 August 2025

Historical Background (2016-2024)

2016 (Age 15)

- **Admission to Ellingham Hospital** - psychiatric unit placement
- **No formal sectioning procedure** - voluntary/informal admission
- Duration: Approximately 12 months (2016-2017)

September 2017 (Age 16)

- **12 September:** Medical report meeting at Ellingham Hospital
- **Hospital discharge** process initiated

2017-2018 (Age 16-17)

- **Independent Living Certificate awarded** through Kent-based charity trust
- Certified competent in: cooking, cleaning, housing management
- **No transition housing provided** despite certificate

2018-2024 (Age 17-23)

- **6+ years in inappropriate supported accommodation**
 - Multiple placement breakdowns
 - Ongoing requests for independent housing ignored
 - **AKSupport Housing Service contract** - signed for 3 years, stayed 2 years
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Current Housing Crisis (2024-2025)

November 2024 (Age 23)

- **29 November:** Illegal eviction from AKSupport Housing Service begins
- **Financial losses incurred:** Hotel costs, business disruption

December 2024

- **30 December: FIRST APPROACH** to Thurrock Council seeking housing assistance
- Council accepts "reason to believe may be homeless"
- **Section 184 investigation** commenced

January 2025 (Age 23-24)

- **28 January:** Eviction period ends
- **Total eviction duration:** 3 months
- **Hotel costs:** £372 at Best Western + ongoing daily costs

May 2025 (Age 24)

- **15 May:** Telephone assessment with Housing Officer
 - **16 May:** Council contacts Adult Social Services (Oluwafemi Ojo)
 - **16 May:** Council contacts AKSupport (spoke with Amenah)
 - **20 May: SECTION 184 DECISION** - declared "not homeless"
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Legal Challenge Period (2025)

May 2025

- **21-day review period** begins from Section 184 decision
- **Section 202 Review** application submitted
- **Human rights violation claims** prepared

August 2025

- **14 August:** Section 202 Review scheduled closure
 - **27 August: COUNCIL MEETING** - formal presentation of case
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Key Legal Issues by Timeline

2016-2018: Care Transition Failures

- No proper leaving care planning
- Independent Living Certificate ignored
- Breach of Children Act 1989 duties

2018-2024: Housing Denial Cycle

- 6+ years inappropriate accommodation

- Failure to progress to independent housing
- Disability discrimination in housing allocation

2024-2025: Illegal Eviction & Assessment Failures

- AKSupport eviction without proper procedure
- Thurrock Council incorrect "not homeless" decision
- Failure to consider vulnerability and disability

Supporting Evidence Timeline

Date	Document/Evidence	Relevance
12/09/2017	Ellingham Hospital Medical Report	Psychiatric history, care needs
2017-2018	Independent Living Certificate	Capability for independent housing
30/12/2024	First approach to Thurrock Council	Start of homeless application
15-16/05/2025	Council investigation calls	Evidence gathering process
20/05/2025	Section 184 Decision Letter	Unlawful "not homeless" determination
29/05/2025	Human Rights Representation	Formal legal challenge

Next Steps Post-27 August Meeting

1. **If Settlement Reached:** Transition plan to independent accommodation
2. **If No Resolution:** High Court judicial review proceedings
3. **Compensation Claims:** £270 million total across all failures
4. **Emergency Relief:** Immediate housing near Cambridge for PhD studies

Timeline prepared for Thurrock Council meeting 27 August 2025
All dates verified against official correspondence and medical records