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- explaining the appeal process and what other organisations exist that can help with cases, such as university innocence projects;
- advising on how to get hold of case records;
- finding lawyers and experts that can help with cases, usually at no charge;
- helping each other with our cases and working on cases ourselves to solve particular problems that arise;
- working with similar organisations across the UK, through our umbrella organisation United Against Injustice, to raise awareness of the growing problem of miscarriage of justice;
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- crime of which the person was convicted;
- when and where the person was tried;
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- what stage the case has reached (convicted, appealed, applying to the CCRC etc.); and
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