1. Introductions and members news

2. Asylum Support Update

Anna Dixie, Legal Adviser – Asylum Support Appeals Project

Find out about the latest trends and developments in asylum support, including:

- Navigating the system for communicating with the Home Office via Migrant Help
- Withdrawing support for a breach of conditions – why the Home Office loses these appeals and how to help your client win
- Legal challenge to the rate of asylum support unsuccessful: R (Ghulam & Ors) v SSHD [2016] EWHC 2639 (Admin)
- Increase in decisions to refuse support without a right of appeal under s57 NIAA 2002 because applicant has ‘not provided complete and accurate information or cooperated with enquiries’

3. Right to Rent

Charlotte Peel, Policy Officer - Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants

The Immigration Acts 2014 and 2016 made it illegal to rent to someone without the ‘right to rent’ and easy to evict them. These changes came into force on 1 December 2016. But what does the right to rent means? Who has it? And how can it be demonstrated? Which tenancies and living arrangements are included? Charlotte will answer these questions and tell us about the JCWI’s ongoing research into the impact of the right to rent scheme on asylum seekers and irregular migrants. Find out how you can contribute your clients’ experiences into this valuable research.

4. A.O.B. Suggestions for location and themes of the next meeting are very welcome.

5. Networking