
London Destitution Advice Network

16 December 2014, 3-5pm

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, 5th Floor, Kings Place, 90 York Way, N1 9AG

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

3. Agency news roundup

Members' updates about their organisation and changes to their services.

4. Section 17 Strategic Litigation Research Project

Charlotte Threipland, Strategic Litigation Researcher - Hackney Law Centre & Hackney Migrant Centre

Charlotte will describe HLC and HMC's new research project seeking to establish 1) the frequency with which Hackney Borough Council provides inadequate support to destitute migrant families under section 17 Children Act 1989; and 2) the effect that this inadequate support has on families, in particular overcrowding, disrepair, dispersal and long periods in temporary accommodation. Charlotte will explain how LDAN members can contribute to the research.

5. Section 4 Support and Voluntary Return

Marie-Anne Fishwick, Legal Researcher – ASAP

Marie-Anne will present the key findings of ASAP's recently published report '[The Next Reasonable Step](#)'. The report analyses the Home Office decision-making in relation to applications for Section 4 support on the basis that the applicant is 'taking all reasonable steps to leave the UK'. A discussion will follow the presentation.

6. Asylum Support Update

Anna Dixie, ASAP

Anna will give an update on developments in asylum support.

7. Other news

- Criminal Justice and Courts Bill – potential impacts
- NRPF condition for those granted LTR under Article 8 ruled unlawful in *R (Fakih) v SSHD IJR* [2014] UKUT 513 – note to be provided from Adam Hunt (Deighton Pierce Glynn Solicitors)