

ASAP

ASYLUM
SUPPORT
APPEALS
PROJECT

Asylum Support Advice Network

28 April 2017, 14:00 - 16:30

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

1. Introductions and members news

ASAN members give updates about their organisation and any changes to their services.

2. Healthcare charges for asylum seekers and migrants

Amy Kimbangi, Doctors of the World

Anna will explain entitlement and access to primary and secondary NHS care for refugees, asylum seekers and undocumented migrants, including an update on upcoming changes in healthcare entitlement and sharing NHS data with the Home Office.

3. Accessing funds from abroad: barriers for asylum seekers

Alex Hillback, Kate Meils - Gibson Dunn

The Home Office's increased scrutiny of asylum seekers' assets means that support applicants must explore whether they can access funds held in foreign bank accounts, and provide evidence if they cannot. Lawyers from Gibson Dunn will describe some of the main barriers that support applicants face accessing funds held abroad and the publicly available sources that can assist in demonstrating such barriers, including: why it is not as straightforward as it seems to access a foreign bank account despite the relevant bank having UK operations, the challenges opening a bank account in the UK, and the various means of and restrictions on receiving funds in to the UK.

4. Asylum Support Update

Anna Dixie, ASAP

Anna will give an update on developments and trends in asylum support decision-making.

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