
London Destitution Advice Network

28 August 2015, 15:00-16:30

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

1. Welcome, apologies and matters arising

2. Agency news roundup

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

3. Asylum Support Consultation 2015

Deborah Gellner (ASAP), Anna Dixie (ASAP) and Adam Slawson (Ben Hoare Bell Solicitors) will give an overview of the Home Office's proposed transformation of the asylum support system.

s4(1) - No support for people on temporary admission or bail

- Who will be affected?
- What if they can't leave the UK?
- Is this human rights compatible?

s4(2) – No support for refused asylum seekers who can go home

- What is meant by 'closing off' support for refused asylum seekers?
- What if they can't go home?
- How long do they have to tell the Home Office why they can't go home? (grace period)
- What about people already getting s4 support?

s94(5) – No support for refused asylum seekers with children who can go home

- Who can currently get support under s94(5) IAA 1999?
- Who will be affected?
- Local authority support?

Asylum support appeal rights

- Which decisions can you appeal now?
- Which appeal rights will remain and which will be removed?
- Why is the right of appeal so important?

4. How can we respond to the consultation?

Open discussion.