

ILPA NORTH WEST REGIONAL WORKING GROUP MEETING AGENDA

5.30pm on Wednesday 10 May 2017

Location – DAC Beachcroft, 3 Hardman Street, Manchester M3 3HF

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Courts and Tribunals
 - Feedback on the impact of the replacement of case management review hearings with paper-based processes at Bradford Tribunal
 - Views on the potential impact of proposed closure of Stoke Tribunal in October 2017 to provide feedback to the Tribunals Service
 - Experiences of the new afternoon list piloted at Manchester Tribunal
 - Proposed new pilot at Manchester Tribunal involving the narrowing/resolution of issues by written submissions prior to the hearing
 - Experiences of wasted costs orders
3. Legal aid
 - Consideration of difficulties obtaining evidence of National Asylum Support Service support to prove entitlement to legal aid with a view to raising with the Home Office, Legal Aid Agency and Tribunal.
 - Current experience of Exceptional Case Funding applications
4. Removals
 - Experiences of the three-month removal windows
5. Athens Legal Support Project
 - Four-month pilot supported by ILPA and running from 10 April – 28 July 2017 to provide legal advice and support to refugees and Greek lawyers
6. Recent changes to Tier 2 (of Points Based System)
 - Feedback on changes/any problems/issues arising
 - Anything to be raised with ILPA
 - Any developments on perceived mistakes e.g. inability to extend short term Intra Company Transfers
7. EU/Brexit
 - Update from session in London on 26 April
 - Concerns/trends arising e.g. Permanent Resident applications/Home Office guidance telling EU citizens to sign up for email alerts...
8. Training
 - Manchester appropriate venue for "the North" or somewhere else?
 - Level of/topics for training sufficient?
9. Any Other Business
10. Date of Next Meeting