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From: Helen Murray
Sent: 18 December 2008 16:36
To: John Ransford, LGA Deputy Chief Executive
Cc: Ian Beattie; [REDACTED]
Subject: UASC etc

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Yours sincerely

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 You replied on 11/12/2008 11:28.

Helen Murray

From: Ian Beattie [Ian.Beattie@eera.gov.uk]

Sent: Thu 11/12/2008 11:02

To: Helen Murray

Cc:

Subject:

Attachments:

Hi Helen,

Nothing too important to report from the NMG meeting. I basically raised some of the issues outlined in the LGA's EU Green Paper response and the work we'd done on the Slough ruling with NAT and THT. Couple of points for info:

1. [REDACTED] has been nominated as the UKBA lead for the UASC reform programme and they are also looking to appoint a senior civil servant as project manager soon.
2. Cross sector/govt dept working group to be established to look at illegal working in the care industry. Will be led by [REDACTED], UKBA Director in Wales.
3. [REDACTED] is the DCLG contact for the NMG and he will be attending future meetings.
4. UKBA will be 'reviewing' the Strategic Migration Partnerships in the first qtr of next year.
5. UKBA are also reviewing the MIF and how it works with other stakeholder groups. This might be an opportunity to strengthen ties with the LGA Taskgroup!!

That's about it.

I'm currently chasing Jerry Harland for dates for the UASC Reform Steering Group sub-group meetings (post-18 issues and 'front end' processes) and will let you know when I get a response.

Regards,


Ian

Ian Beattie

Senior Policy Officer

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Helen Murray

From: Bourke Dee [Dee.Bourke3@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk] **Sent:** Fri 05/12/2008 11:15
To: Helen Murray
Cc: ian.beattie@EERA.gov.uk; [REDACTED] Lambert Keith; Harland Jerry; [REDACTED] (Procurement)
Subject: Letter from Dee Bourke
Attachments:  [Letter.LGA.DOC\(151KB\)](#)

Helen

Please find attached a letter from Dee Bourke who has taken over from [REDACTED] as the UKBA senior contact for the areas of funding for UASCs and relationship between UKBA accommodation providers and LGAs

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

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05 December 2008

Dear Helen

I thought it would be worthwhile dropping you a line following a recent exchange of e-mails between Emma Jenkins and Paul Darling. As the issues covered, funding to local authorities for the care of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children and the relationship between UKBA accommodation providers and local authorities, fall under the Directorate of Central Operations and Performance which I lead, I am replying rather than Paul with whom I work very closely on resourcing issues in UKBA, who in his previous position had the responsibility for these areas.

UASC Funding Issues

As you know, following the recent agreement between UKBA and LGA/London Councils, a lot of work has gone on within UKBA and the Department of Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) to ensure that local authorities receive all the monies that are due to them. All payments by UKBA for special circumstance payments and the UASC grant for 2006/7 and 2007/8 have now been made or agreed with the local authorities concerned. We have also issued grant instructions for 2008/9 for both the UASC grant and leaving care payments (previously administered by DCSF).

There is now only one local authority who has not agreed their 2006/7 Leaving Care grant payment with DCSF and although UKBA have issued the instructions to all affected local authorities to claim for their share of the Leaving Care special circumstance payment (the £16m agreed during the recent settlement) we cannot calculate the exact quantum due for each authority until all of these claims have been agreed. However Jerry Harland has updated me to confirm that there will be no problem meeting in full their claims for the 2006/7 Leaving Care Special Circumstances payment. I gather that at your recent meetings with Jerry and Simon Bentley, it was agreed to continue with regular contact whilst this process continues.

Accommodation Providers

This work falls under Eric Davies – Head of Commercial within my Directorate. His contact details are Eric.Davies6@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk or 0208 760 3827. I asked Jerry Harland who is part of the Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children reform programme, to establish the facts behind the concerns raised by Emma in her email. There appear to be two issues:-

- North East

This involves one of our providers who owns a number of properties within a regeneration area and who is currently involved in negotiating with the local authority on compulsory purchase compensation levels for these properties. This is a matter between the provider and the local authority and I am not sure we should intervene. However the North East Strategic Migration Partnership, of which the local authority is a member and Nadeem Ahmad is the manager, has a reasonable working relationship with our private providers and I think that your first approach should be via that avenue. I have asked Eric to ensure that his contract manager in the area keeps himself apprised of the situation and escalates it where necessary.

- North West

As the concerns again relate to liaison between the private providers and the local authorities, I suggest a similar approach to the North East. I have asked Eric to ensure that the regional contract manager in the North West keeps him apprised of the position. I would also suggest that these issues should be raised with the North West Strategic Migration partnership who have regular meetings with all concerned.


I hope the above clarifies the position, I know that Emma has now departed on maternity leave so have copied this letter to Ian Beattie who is covering her area of responsibility whilst she is away. If you feel it would be appropriate to schedule a meeting to discuss these and other issues please do not hesitate to contact my office manager, Lynne Strelley, who will make the arrangements, her e-mail address is Lynne.Strelley@Homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

Yours sincerely




Dee Bourke
Director

cc Ian Beattie
Paul Darling
Keith Lambert
Jerry Harland
Eric Davies

 You replied on 07/11/2008 16:03.

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Helen Murray

From: Harland Jerry [Jerry.Harland2@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk] **Sent:** Fri 07/11/2008 11:26
To: Helen Murray
Cc: Ian.Beattie@eera.gov.uk; Kinney Brian
Subject: RE: Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children - Workshop Newcastle 11 November 14.00hrs
Attachments:  [Confirmed Attendees for Newcastle Workshop.doc\(27KB\)](#)

Good Morning Helen, - now with list attached!!

I attach a list of attendees for the NE workshop – I will let you have the Y and H one next week. Although it looks a bit light in numbers, Nadeem assures me there will be others attending!!

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Happy to discuss. Which of you is attending the NE workshop?

Many thanks.

Jerry Harland

UASC Reform Programme

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From: Helen.Murray@lga.gov.uk [mailto:Helen.Murray@lga.gov.uk]
Sent: 06 November 2008 10:21 AM
To: Harland Jerry

Cc: Ian.Beattie@eera.gov.uk

Subject: RE: Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children - Workshop Newcastle 11 November 14.00hr

Jerry

Thanks. Can you tell me who has registered for this and the Leeds event please?

Helen

From: Harland Jerry [mailto:Jerry.Harland2@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk]

Sent: 05 November 2008 12:51

To: Kinney Brian; Helen Murray; Ian.Beattie@eera.gov.uk

Cc: [REDACTED]

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Dear Colleagues,

Please see attached invitation and map for the above workshop. The invitation includes a draft agenda – we intend to meet from 14.00hrs to 16.30hrs. I also attach a pdf copy of the response to the consultation document.

Please give me a ring if you need anything further.

Jerry Harland

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- [REDACTED] - Regional Manager UKBA
- [REDACTED] - NE Regional Migration Partnership
- [REDACTED] - Stockton
- [REDACTED] - Newcastle
- [REDACTED] Newcastle
- [REDACTED] - South Tyneside
- [REDACTED] - Durham
- [REDACTED] - Sunderland
- [REDACTED] - Sunderland
- [REDACTED] - Cumbria
- [REDACTED] - Northumberland

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