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Dear Colleague,

### **Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) – Regional Workshops**

You may be aware that the UK Border Agency have arranged a half-day workshop to be held in Cardiff on Wednesday 12 November at which they will explore how Local Authorities in Wales can play a part in taking forward the reforms outlined in the document – **Better Outcomes: The Way Forward. Improving the care of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children.** (pdf copy attached)

The proposed reforms cover a number of areas :-

- Ensuring that the UK Border Agency, in exercising its functions, keeps children safe from harm while they are in the United Kingdom.
- Putting in place better procedures for identifying and supporting unaccompanied asylum seeking children who are the victims of trafficking.
- Locating unaccompanied asylum seeking children with specialist authorities to ensure they receive the services they need.
- Putting in place better procedures to assess age in order to ensure children and adults are not accommodated together.
- Resolving immigration status more quickly and, in turn, enabling care planning to focus on integration or early return to the country of origin.

It is intended that the workshop will, in the main, explore the advantages and the barriers to Local Authorities in Wales becoming players in the new specialist authority network. Representation from both the Welsh Assembly Government and the Welsh Local Government Association will be attending, along with UKBA managers – both Regional and from Croydon.

The workshop will be held at the Lime Venues, Millennium Stadium, Cardiff from 13.00hrs to 16.30 on Wednesday 12 November. A sandwich lunch will be available from 13.00hrs.

I very much hope that representatives from your Local Authority will be able to attend. Details of those attending should be sent to Jerry Harland at UKBA on [jerry.harland2@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:jerry.harland2@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk) or 0208-760-3826. Further information will be circulated during the week.

Yours sincerely

**Brian Kinney**  
**Director - UASC Reform Programme**

## **Agenda**

**Wednesday 12 November**

**Lime Venues, Millennium Stadium**

<b>13:00</b>	<b>Arrival</b>	
	<b>Sandwich Lunch</b>	
<b>13:30</b>	<b>Workshop - Administration</b>	<b>Jerry Harland</b>
<b>13:35</b>	<b>Introductions</b>	
<b>13:40</b>	<b>UASC Reform - The Context</b>	<b>Brian Kinney</b>
<b>14:00</b>	<b>The Reforms</b>	<b>Jerry Harland</b>
<b>14:20</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>14:40</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>15:00</b>	<b>The Specialist Authority Model</b>	<b>Brian Kinney</b>
	<b>Discussions</b>	
<b>16:10</b>	<b>Close</b>	<b>Brian Kinney</b>