

**YORKSHIRE & HUMBERSIDE NO RECOURSE TO PUBLIC FUNDS**  
**Regional Meeting**  
**Held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008 (10.00-12.00)**  
**Leeds Civic Hall**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

<b>Chair: Bradford</b>	<b>Note taker: Bradford</b>
<b>Attendance:</b> Bradford Calderdale N Lincs Sheffield Leeds Home Office Wakefield Barnsley	<b>Apologies:</b> Rotherham Kirklees

**Agenda**

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. UKBA Update
4. Legal Update
5. Good Practice/Problem Solving
6. Training
7. National Steering Group
8. Any other business

<p>1. Apologies: accepted</p> <p>2. Minutes of the previous meeting:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Agreed as an accurate account.</p> <p>3. UKBA Update:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">UKBA reported that all CRD compensation cases were up to date. There was a restructure in place. Teams would be broken down geographically. The aim was to work more closely with communities. The first area to go 'live' in January was Newcastle.</p> <p>4. Slough Judgement:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Many LA's are heavily hampered by such cases and are</p>	
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under negotiations as to how to deal with the issue. Leeds felt all new cases should be dealt with under the Slough Judgement from the start and that existing cases should be reviewed.

Wakefield reported a few cases and it doesn't appear to be a big issue in Calderdale.

Most LA's covered the issue case by case.

Bradford suggested all delegates keep an eye on the NRPF Network website for the latest updates on the issue.

Leeds reported a successful case in which the Home Office paid the costs. A written request that legal costs be refunded had been required.

#### 5. Good Practice:

Bradford has begun trying to gather together Assessment documents from other LA's.

School Uniforms for NRPF claimants:

Discussions took place regarding school uniforms. Leeds was of the opinion that Section 17 sufficiently covers ALL children. A policy could not be made for Education Departments to supply uniform assistance to asylum seeking children.

#### 6. NRPF Training:

Bradford had enquired about training sessions put on by the NRPF Network, which had agreed to send two representatives to train up to 30 candidates. There would be a charge for this and the group agreed to apportion the costs.

#### 7. Membership of Regional NRPF:

Bradford asked the group if it would like to invite the voluntary sector to join as regional members. Initially membership was kept to LA's. The group decided that they would like to keep membership to LA's for the

present.

The group agreed to Bradford passing on email addresses to the NRPF Network. The group did not want the minutes to be posted on the NRPF Network's public website.

**8. Any Other Business:**

It was reported that there had been some positive outcomes due to UKBA dealing very effectively with people smuggling at the Lincolnshire ports.

**9. Date of next meeting:**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009 2-4pm at Leeds Civic Hall