

## **FAMILY WELFARE & WORK**

**Advisers Workshop, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

### **Programme**

#### **Morning Session**

9.15 -10.00 Registration & Coffee: Foyer, Ashley Building, Leek Road, Stoke  
10.00 Welcome: Prof. Christine King, Vice-Chancellor, Staffordshire University

#### **Contesting Decisions: The 1998 Act 10 Years On**

**Speaker:** Judge Mark Rowland, Upper Tribunal (Administrative Appeals)

#### *Questions & Discussion*

#### **11.15 Family Welfare, Separation & Divorce**

**Speakers:** Helen Robson, SU Advice Studies & Emor Porteous, Hanley CAB & SU Advice Studies

Helen and Emor will provide a pre-workshop briefing on what they see as particularly important issues for advisers, assisted by information and 'reading' on the event web-site.

Note: Membership of workshop groups & venues will be advised on registration

#### ***Morning Workshop: Discussion Points***

- Support for the family: pre & post-separation
- Withdrawal of spousal/partner support: responses?
- Advising in domestic violence cases
- Children: benefits & tax credits issues
- Housing: changes re. mortgage & rental costs; LA housing support
- Disability & special needs: benefits & community care aspects
- Changes to lone parents' support
- Parents with care: work options & 'better off/worse off' advice
- The new child maintenance system
- Key features/update: Child Maintenance & Other Payments Act 2008
- Voluntary agreements & maintenance
- Issues for advisers

Participants can share information and experience on the site discussion board which will open one week before the event.

#### **12.45 Lunch**

## **Afternoon Session**

### **1.30 Advising on Family Welfare: Advisers' & Organisations' Needs**

Alan Markey, Citizens Advice & Editor, *The Adviser*

### **1.40 Immigration Status, Residence & the 'Right to Reside'**

**Speaker:** Richard Drabble QC, Landmark Chambers

*Questions & Discussion*

### **2.50 Migration: Barriers to Support & Employment**

**Speaker:** Keith Puttick, Staffordshire University Law School

Ahead of the afternoon workshop, Keith will also provide a briefing on some important and topical issues for advisers, assisted by the information and 'reading' on the event web-site.

### ***Afternoon Workshop: Discussion Points***

- Immigration Act 1999 ss.115-122: benefits, housing & community care
- Restrictions on support in the Nationality Immigration & Asylum Act 2002
- The 'right to reside'; benefits and work
- EEA and non-EEA nationals
- Family & extended family members; unmarried & 'durable' relationships
- Spouses' & family members' residence rights after *Metock* (2009, ECJ)
- Retained/derived 'right to reside' after separation: *Ibrahim & Teixeira*
- EC Treaty/Convention rights: family unity & 'family life'

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### **4.00 Close**

\* Please note: The programme is subject to change without notice, for example in the event of speakers being unable to attend, or other causes