

The Women and Young Persons' Department provides legal advice to refugee and migrant women, children and young people through its **Women's Project** and **Young Persons' Project**.

WOMEN'S PROJECT

- Are you a refugee or migrant female living in Scotland?
- Have you experienced violence? This can be in your home country, on your journey to the UK or in the UK.
- Are you unsure about your immigration status and need advice about this?

Lawyers in the Women's Project may be able to assist you.

YOUNG PERSONS' PROJECT

- Are you a refugee or migrant person under the age of 25?
- Are you living in Scotland?
- Do you have a problem and need legal advice?

Lawyers in the Young Persons' Project may be able to assist you.

HOW DO I GET ADVICE?

By making a referral for an appointment

- The department discusses referrals weekly on a Wednesday morning to make sure individuals fall within its Projects and that it is able to offer an appointment. To make a referral, call the above number(s) or visit our website at www.lsa.org.uk.

By calling the advice line

- **Tuesday, 2pm – 4pm** - call freephone 0800 316 8450 or 0141 353 3354 to speak to a lawyer.

By attending the drop in surgery

- **Wednesday, 10.00am – 12.30pm** at our offices at Fleming House (full address above) to speak to a lawyer.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

Please try and bring the following when meeting with a lawyer from the Department:-

- Proof of identity such as your passport, driving licence, ARC card.
- Proof of where you are living such as a letter to your address.
- Details of your income in the 7 days before your appointment. This may be a letter regarding Income Support or a wage slip.
- Recent bank statement.

WHAT IF I NEED AN INTERPRETER?

Please note that it is unlikely that we will be able to arrange interpreting for the advice line or at the drop-in surgeries.

If you need an interpreter, it would be better if you ask someone to help you to make a referral which the department will discuss on a Wednesday morning. If we think you need legal assistance and we can help, we will offer you an appointment and we will arrange an interpreter for this appointment.

IMPORTANT

- The Department can only provide advice if you:-
 - fit within one of its Projects; and
 - you are not already getting advice from a lawyer on the same matter.
- The Department does not provide advice on family law and criminal law matters.

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