



East Renfrewshire Citizens

Advice Bureau Weekly Update

29/04/2022

Good News Story – EEU

A client contacted the Bureau for advice on applying to the EUSS for his child, after they fled Ukraine.

The client is a Ukrainian/ Romanian national, who has been working in the UK for several years and has Pre-settled status. The client flew to Ukraine just before the beginning of the war; to bring his son to the UK. The client had started the application, but required assistance with submitting the application and what evidence to provide the Home Office with.

Although the procedure for bringing family members to the UK would require an EUSS family permit prior to applying for pre-settled status, Our EEU adviser consulted with the Resolution Centre who agreed that under these mitigating circumstances they would accept the application without a family permit first. Cara, advised the client that he should provide his son's travel receipts and boarding pass, to show his journey from Ukraine to the UK. Also if possible, he will need to provide his son's birth certificate.

The client managed to gather all necessary documents and ERCAB has submitted his son's application. We are now awaiting a decision

Local update; benefits, financial schemes, grants etc...

Last month, the Scottish Government launched the second Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan, [Best Start, Bright Futures](#).

The plan, which covers 2022-26, sets out the commitments to help tackle child poverty in Scotland.

Actions are outlined in the plan with the ultimate aim of breaking the cycle of poverty and providing children with support through their early years. This includes things like increasing Scottish Child Payment from £20 to £25 a week, £150 payments for families to help tackle soaring energy bills and the Discretionary Housing Payment.

The plan focuses on long-term parental employment opportunities, strengthened social security and support to reduce household costs.

NHSGGC Update

Patients in the Royal Alexandra and Vale of Leven hospitals are benefitting from a new electronic prescribing system, which makes the process safer and more efficient.

The old-fashioned hand-written hospital drug chart has been used for decades – but now NHSGGC has introduced a new electronic prescribing system fit for the future, with roll-out just completed at the two hospital sites.

NHSGGC introduced the CMM HEPMA (Hospital Prescribing and Medicines Administration) system, with an initial pilot taking place at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital

Dr Alastair Bishop, who leads the HEPMA programme said: "HEPMA replaces the paper drug chart previously used in hospitals and has now been rolled out throughout the RAH and the Vale.

"Once it's introduced throughout the Board area, it will be used in over 300 wards and 100 theatres across NHSGGC, making this the largest installation of the system in the UK."

Good News Story - Benefits

Client is a widowed pensioner who has some health issues that have been making life more difficult for her recently. Client's daughter approached bureau about entitlement to Attendance Allowance for her mum. We called for an application form and client then attended for help completing the form.

Client contacted the bureau a few months later to advise she has been awarded higher rate of £92.40 per week with a backdated payment of £991.52. This results in a yearly Client Financial Gain of £4804.80. This client was delighted with this award, it will help her tremendously.

For more information see:

<https://www.gov.uk/attendance-allowance>

Clients can also get in contact with the bureau via:

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