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New UK Border Agency Chief Executive

On 15 July 2011, the UK Border Agency announced the appointment of Rob Whiteman as Chief Executive of the Agency. For more information, see:

<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2011/july/24-chief-executive>

Consultations on family migration and workers migration

The UK Border Agency has now published two consultations. One of these, on employment-related migration was highlighted in the previous immigration update. More information about this consultation is available from the “Employment-related Settlement 1 – Consultation” and “Employment-related Settlement 2 – Domestic Workers Consultation”.

The other was published in July and relates to family migration. More information about this consultation is available from the “Family Migration Consultation 1” and “Family Migration Consultation 2” information sheets.

Immigration Advisory Service

The Immigration Advisory Service went into administration on 8 July 2011. More information is available from the “Legal Aid 12 – Immigration Advisory Service (IAS)” information sheet.

Legacy Cases

The Case Resolution Directorate is now closed, but not all legacy cases have been completed. More information is available from the “Legacy Cases 8 – Cases Not Concluded” information sheet.

Detention of children

In August, the UK Border Agency intends to begin using its powers to detain families in a new pre-departure accommodation in West Sussex. More information is available from the “Detention of Children 5” information sheet.

Common Travel Area and detention in Northern Ireland

On 1 August 2011, the UK Border Agency published a report relating to the Common Travel Area. The previous month, it announced the opening of a short-term holding facility in Northern Ireland. More information is available at:

<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2011/august/02-cta>

<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2011/july/09larne-holding-centre>

English language tests

On 8 July 2011, the UK Border Agency announced changes to its list of approved English language test providers. Where an immigration application requires an English language test to be passed, it is a test on the approved list that must be passed. The new list is available at:

<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2011/july/13-list-of-english-language>