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Crime and Courts Bill

The Crime and Courts Bill has begun its parliamentary passage in the House of Lords. There are several measures in this Bill relating to immigration, and ILPA's briefing for Second Reading in the Lords is available at:

<http://www.ilpa.org.uk/data/resources/14767/12.05.24-ILPA-Second-Reading-Briefing.pdf>

One of the Bill's provisions is to remove the right of appeal against a refusal of a family visit visa. More information as to this is available at:

<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2012/may/28-family-appeal>

Children subject to immigration control

ILPA has published new best practice guidelines on working with children and young people subject to immigration control. More information is available from the "Best Practice: Working with Children" information sheet. Other new information sheets relating to children are "Discretionary Leave & Separated Children" and "Family Tracing".

Family migration

The Government is expected shortly to announce changes to the Immigration Rules affecting family migration (e.g. when British citizens and settled persons may be permitted to be joined in the UK by their foreign national partners and children). There is no set date for when an announcement may be made. More information is available from the briefing prepared for the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Migration meeting, which took place on 16 May 2012:

http://www.appmigration.org.uk/sites/default/files/APPG-migration-Family_migration-May-2012.pdf

Screening for tuberculosis

On 21 May 2012, the UK Border Agency announced a new screening programme for tuberculosis. More information is available at:

<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2012/may/42-tb-test>

Long Residence Rules

From 6 April 2012, the Immigration Rules have changed so that a person can apply to extend his or her leave under the long residence rules in circumstances where he or she meets the requirements for indefinite leave to remain save for the English language and/or unspent convictions requirements. Information on unspent convictions and the Immigration Rules is available from the April 2011 "Settlement and Unspent Conventions" information sheet, see <http://tinyurl.com/cdnu65t>

Family returns and removals

On 25 April 2012, the UK Border Agency announced appointments to the Family Returns Panel. More information about this Panel is available from the March 2011 "UKBA Family Returns" information sheet, see <http://tinyurl.com/cmot713>