STRANDED SPOUSES

The plight of spouses of British nationals who have entered this country on a spousal visa and who find themselves overseas and separated from their children, is a practice that increasingly comes to the attention of NGOs, police and other service providers. Serious child welfare and HBV concerns are raised in these cases as has been recently acknowledged by the High Court.

Complex issues of both family law and immigration law are involved. Unfortunately all too often the victims of such practices are given incorrect legal advice, or not advised as to the Human Rights compliant applications they can make or they are persuaded by family members not to take any action. Leading specialists in this field will cover all aspects of law, practice, procedure, pitfalls and remedies.

The evening will be attended by interested stakeholders, police, social services, welfare professionals and other NGOs working in this complex area.

Written materials will be provided.
PROGRAMME
6PM TO 8PM (REGISTRATION 5.45PM)

Speakers:-

Chair: Anne-Marie Hutchinson, Solicitor & Partner at Dawson Cornwell.

1. Kulbir Randhawa – Asian Family Counselling Service – an overview of the issues.


4. Heather Harvey, Eaves Housing Trust – No recourse to public funds and housing issues.

5. Lisette Dupre, Solicitor, Dawson Cornwell - Maintenance provision – Child support and failure to maintain.

6. Gina Allwood, Barrister, 7 Bedford Row - Divorce and financial relief after a foreign Decree, salient issues.

Followed by Refreshments and Informal networking.

End: 9pm

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