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National Asylum Stakeholder Forum

Dear Colleague

The Immigration and Asylum (Provision of Services or Facilities) Regulations 2007

As you are aware, the Immigration and Asylum (Provision of Services or Facilities) Regulations 2007 which meet needs not connected with accommodation for those supported under section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (1999 Act) came into force yesterday.

In our letter of 25 January 2008, we advised you that an Asylum Instruction on the new arrangements together with an application form will be made available on the Border and Immigration Agency (BIA) website by 31 January. Unfortunately there was a slight delay in making the application form available electronically. However, it is now available on the BIA website and can be found by using the search engine under **section 4 provision**. The Asylum Instruction on the regulations will shortly be made available via the BIA website.

There will be a period of adjustment as we refine the administrative arrangements for this new support provision. During this time there may be a delay in authorising additional payments thus we will be prioritising the needs of pregnant women/new mothers and children, and those who need to travel urgently for healthcare treatment. We will, however, endeavour to ensure that the required support is provided to all eligible applicants as soon as possible, backdated as appropriate.

I attach some background and Q&A for your information.

Yours sincerely

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