

Linda Carr

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**From:** Josephine Monaghan  
**Sent:** 22 April 2010 11:12  
**To:** Joe Morrin; Michael Joyce  
**Cc:** Kieran O'Dwyer; Linda Carr  
**Subject:** FW: AGENDA ITEMS IN RESPECT OF ASYLUM SEEKERS

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Folks,

Some more issues requiring clarification.

Thanks

Josephine

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**Sent:** 22 April 2010 10:36  
**To:** Josephine Monaghan; Linda Carr; PJ Timmins  
**Cc:** Brendan Nealis; Greg Crowley; John Shannon (E-mail 2); [mary.geraghty@hse.iedenis.hickey](mailto:mary.geraghty@hse.iedenis.hickey);  
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**Subject:** AGENDA ITEMS IN RESPECT OF ASYLUM SEEKERS

Josephine

A number of issues in respect of asylum seekers in direct provision centres are arising  
1/ Some of the Adult asylum seekers in direct provision are in FTEducation .Does the CWO continue to pay the direct Provision Allowance.Their participation was highlighted in the data matches we got from Control  
2/In the event of Health related issues arising ie outbreak of Chicken Pocks in DP Centres and other issues that result in vulnerable clients needing to be moved to other areas ,the PHN and Dr or Hospital are insisting on Taxis and SWA is having to meet quite big bills .They are not using Public transport.Should this expense be met by HSE as it is a Health Issue .We need urgent clarification on this .  
3/ Other payments: As you know I was going to withdraw nappy allowance and other allowances last year and Tom Ryan gave me a directive not to as it was been looked at nationally .No further contact was made since and we need to get some uniformity around these payments and who is responsible for them

Can you get me some info on this and put it on the agenda for tuesday meeting.

thanks

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MEETING OF REGIONAL CO-ORDINATORS GROUP 27 APRIL 2010  
TRANSCRIPT OF DISCUSSION ABOUT ASYLUM SEEKERS  
PAYMENTS POLICY.

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On Item 2 Kieran said that the DJELR have responsibility for relocating asylum seekers between direct provision centres and CWOs should not be paying ENPs to cover taxi transport. Mary Lyons said that this is the position taken in the North West but it is difficult to continue to do so when other areas are not doing the same. Kieran said that issues such as ENPs transportation costs, provision of nappies and buggies etc. to asylum seekers is the responsibility of the direct provision providers and DJELR. These issues haven't been raised by the Department with DJELR in about 4 years so the Departments need to talk again. Mary Lyons and Brendan added that their areas have started using a voucher system to cover the cost of travel to DJELR/ORAC appointments which has resulted in reduced demand.

Also on Item 2 Kieran said that asylum seekers are not allowed participate in 3<sup>rd</sup> level education so they should not be receiving DPA if they are found to be in full time 3<sup>rd</sup> level education. SWA Section will contact DJELR to see if they are willing to continue payment of DPA to these people. Mary Lyons said that their course fees are being funded by Leader Partnership.

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**From:** Michael Joyce  
**Sent:** 30 April 2010 17:43  
**To:** michael smith; rita tigue; Denis Hickey (Project Manager); Nealis, Brendan; greg crowley  
mary.geraghty@hse.ie; John Shannon (E-mail 2); Kennedy, Tom; maryagnes lyons  
**Cc:** Joe Morrin; Josephine Monaghan; Linda Carr; Fergal Conway  
**Subject:** DPA/Asylum/ENP etc

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Many Thanks,

Michael

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**From:** Denis Hickey (Project Manager) [Denis.Hickey@hse.ie]  
**Sent:** 04 May 2010 14:52  
**To:** Michael Joyce; michael smith; rita tighe; Nealis, Brendan ; greg crowley; mary.geraghty@hse.ie; John Shannon (E-mail 2); Kennedy, Tom; maryagnes lyons  
**Cc:** Joe Morrin; Josephine Monaghan; Linda Carr; Fergal Conway  
**Subject:** RE: DPA/Asylum/ENP etc  
**Attachments:** FW: ORAC response re TRC

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Michael,

Attached relates to ID and travel etc.

Regards,  
Denis Hickey

-----Original Message-----

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**From:** Michael Joyce  
**Sent:** 06 May 2010 12:02  
**To:** Josephine Monaghan; Linda Carr  
**Subject:** FW: DPA/Asylum/ENP etc

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Michael Joyce  
**Sent:** 06 May 2010 12:01  
**To:** 'Denis Hickey (Project Manager)'  
**Subject:** RE: DPA/Asylum/ENP etc

Hello Denis,

I'm not sure exactly what the message means ? other than ORAC saying that these TRC cards are a legislative requirement, which is fair enough, but should they be paid for by the HSE (under the SWA scheme ?), As regards other travel too for asylum seekers, I'm interested in finding out where ORAC, (or other agencies) are getting the authority to make this a requirement of the CWS ?

If this is seen as a standard practice for Asylum seekers nationally, there must be a 'national note' to this effect that issued ?

These are some of the issues I'm trying to address. Because it keeps coming up with different areas having different procedures, I need to know what exactly each area is doing and if a national edict was issued and where it ties into the SWA scheme.

If you have any further information, or supporting documentation relating to this particular note or any other related notes it would be appreciated.

Thanks,

Michael



**Linda Carr**

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**From:** Michael.Smith@hse.ie  
**Sent:** 17 June 2010 15:59  
**To:** Josephine Monaghan; Linda Carr  
**Cc:** Kathleen.Sheridan@hse.ie; Anita.Tierney@hse.ie; Virginia.McAleer@hse.ie  
**Subject:** Fw: St Pats Letter  
**Attachments:** St Pats May 2010.pdf

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Josephine/Linda,  
Another DP problem of similar type. While the Manager of the DP Centre knows my answer, HSE management would have a different attitude and would insist that there is nothing to prevent CWS from getting involved in such matters. We know better but I need directive or we will continue to be used.

Michael

----- Forwarded by Michael Smith/NEHB on 17/06/2010 15:52 -----

Michael Smith/NEHB

To Michael Smith/NEHB@NEHB

cc

17/06/2010 15:41

Subject St Pats Letter

**PATRICK'S ACCOMMODATION  
CENTRE**

**ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE  
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CO. MONAGHAN  
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FAX: 047 84829**

28th May 2010

Mr Michael Smith  
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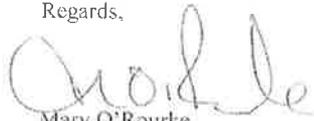
Dear Michael,

I am writing to you for clarification on a matter that has arose at St Patrick's. Last weekend a resident here called the GP on call regarding his son who has a rash. The GP had told him to bring his son to Castleblayney which is some distance away he told the GP that he had no means of getting to Castleblayney - this was a Sunday and he would have needed to get a taxi and asked the GP if he should call an ambulance-- the GP had replied that this would be a waste of ambulance and hospital time. To be honest the residents here do call ambulances unnecessarily at times and we are trying to encourage them to phone the GP for non - urgent out of hours cases.

My question is if a resident had to take a taxi to see the out of hours GP would Community Welfare be responsible/refund this payment? I think I know what your answer will be! But would appreciate clarification in writing.

Michael. many thanks for your help in this matter.

Regards,

  
Mary O'Rourke  
Assistant Manager

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