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Asylum Seekers' Right to Study

Thank you for contacting me about asylum seekers and the right to study.

Immigration bail is a valuable tool which enables individuals who are liable to be detained to remain in the community, subject to certain conditions. The provisions are not designed to be used to prevent asylum seekers studying and as I understand it the Home Office are proactively looking to identify cases where this may have happened so that it can correct it.

The Department has also updated its guidance for staff so that they are absolutely clear when to apply restrictions, and new safeguards are being put in place, so that when the restriction is applied, it has to be approved by a senior officer. These steps will make sure such an issue does not arise in the future.

The updated guidance was published in May 2018 and can be accessed here: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/705600/immigration-bail-v2.0ext.pdf

Thank you again for contacting me.

Kind regards,

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