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To whom it may concern

In line with the Law Commission public consultation on the Immigration Rules, I talked to a visitor at the Hackney Migrant Centre's Dop-in today.

This is what the visitor said:

Without using a solicitor I would not know under which grounds to make my application to the Home Office.

I found there were too many questions and too many demands on evidence needed. Getting these is too expensive as are the solicitor's costs.

I think that some people will not have enough evidence (eg length of time in the UK) or they apply under the wrong grounds. Either way this is likely to lead to a refusal.

Online applications are too complicated unless you use a solicitor, particularly if you are making more than one application (eg. for self and children)

It would be of enormous help if free advice were available

Best wishes

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