


Access to welfare benefits for EU/EEA Roma migrants in the UK after the 2014 benefit reforms

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<p>1. Brief summary of what the research is about.</p>	<p>Exploring (qualitative methods) Roma family experiences of impact of welfare benefit changes on household circumstances; migration intention and 'knock-on' effects re engagement in safeguarding procedures resulting from destitution. Considering level of cultural knowledge of welfare benefits staff; stereotypes impacting on service delivery.</p>

2. What are the research questions?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To consider the impacts of recent welfare benefits changes on Roma migrants seeking to claim or already claiming benefits; b) To assess whether such changes have a disproportionate impact on Roma claimants as a result of limited literacy and pre- and post-migration employment history; c) To assess whether the limitations are having/are likely to have an impact on family migration intent; d) To find out whether - and how - this group are likely to experience greater poverty as a result of regulation changes and the impact on children/vulnerable household members of any resulting reduction in household income.
3. What, if any, outputs so far?	<p>Presentations at two SLSA conferences (2016; 2017) Dagilyte; One Article Dagilyte, E. & Greenfields, M., 2016. United Kingdom Welfare Benefit Reforms in 2013–2014: Roma Between the Pillory, the Precipice and the Slippery Slope. <i>Journal of Social Welfare and Family Law</i>.</p>
4. What outputs are planned?	<p>Report + minimum of 2 articles + policy briefing and dissemination and input to training for social workers/legal advisors/benefits advisors. Overlap with project on Roma and Social Work (led by Greenfields)</p>
5. What is the anticipated impact?	<p>Feed-in to discourse on impact of welfare benefit changes on EU Roma migrants and cumulative effects of welfare benefit changes on household circumstances leading (in some cases) to safeguarding procedures re child poverty; homelessness etc.</p>
6. Comments / additional information / requests for data or input from the broader administrative justice community	<p>Active engagement with NGOs active in supporting Roma (re advice/policy) and Traveller Movement Social Justice Unit – engaged in strategic litigation with a stream of work on Family Law</p>