

Windrush fear raises anxiety

The public outcry over the Windrush scandal highlights the rising levels of anxiety and confusion felt by people in the UK about their immigration status. For many, these feelings were triggered by the Brexit referendum result.

Added to this, cuts to legal aid have meant that the number of immigration cases granted full licensed civil representation fell by 55 per cent between 2013 and 2017.

Tetiana Bersheda, founder of legal platform LexSnap, said: “The lack of clarity surrounding some individuals’ immigration status is absolutely appalling and has left people feeling vulnerable and in the dark over their future and their rights in this country.

It is shocking that this situation has been allowed to arise in a society built on fairness and legal dependability.

“Urgent action is needed to ensure that individuals have access to the information and legal advice they require to feel reassured and secure in their lives.”

LexSnap, which is democratising access to legal services, is experiencing very strong demand for specialist legal advice on immigration-related concerns.

In response they have launched a free legal consultation service for immigration issues without the need to see a lawyer in person.

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