

Call for evidence: An inspection of the Home Office's processing of applications for indefinite leave to remain in the UK as a partner of a person or parent of a child already settled in the UK (SET (M))



The Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration (ICIBI) has begun an inspection of the Home Office's processing of family visas and invites anyone with relevant knowledge or experience to submit their evidence to familyvisas@icibi.gov.uk.

This inspection will focus on the Home Office's processing of applications for indefinite leave to remain in the UK as a partner of a person or parent of a child already settled in the UK (SET (M)). It will examine:

- the efficiency of the process and the quality of decisions made on applications for indefinite leave to remain, as the partner or spouse of a British or settled person (SET (M))
- the accessibility of the application process for applicants
- the impact on an applicant (and their family) when an application for settlement is not successful, but they are placed on a 10-year route, and whether it is proportionate
- what assurance is in place to ensure that recommendations from the ['Windrush Lessons Learned Review'](#) are being considered, and that discretion is being exercised in decision making where appropriate, putting the applicant at the forefront of the process

The Chief Inspector would welcome evidence in relation to any of the above points. He would be particularly interested to hear from those with first-hand experience of the family route to settlement, regarding:

- their experience of submitting an application for indefinite leave to remain in the UK as a partner of a person or parent of a child already settled in the UK (SET (M))

- whether the eligibility requirements were easy to understand and the application process was simple to follow
- whether decisions were received within the service standard
- whether decisions were easy to understand

Please note: The ICIBI's statutory remit does not extend to investigating or making decisions about individual cases. This remains a Home Office responsibility. However, inspectors are keen to hear about individual cases, insofar as they serve to illustrate particular points, issues or trends.

The call for evidence will close on 23 November 2021.

How to respond

Please [email your submission](#) to the Independent Chief Inspector by 23 November 2021.

Please note: In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) we need your permission to process and retain the information you submit in your submission. By clicking [here](#) a consent statement will automatically be added to your email.

However, if you are using a non-compatible email client then please send your submission to familyvisas@icibi.gov.uk with 'Family Visas – Call for Evidence' in the subject line and include the following consent statement in the body of your email:

'I consent to the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration retaining and processing the information and data in this email.'

Please do not include this statement if you do not wish to give your consent. The information you submit may be quoted in the final inspection report, but it is the ICIBI's practice not to name sources and to anonymise as much as possible any examples or case studies.

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