

Independent Asylum Commission

CONDUCTING A NATIONWIDE REVIEW OF THE UK ASYLUM SYSTEM

IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE **citizen** ORGANISING FOUNDATION

1. Sir John Waite (Co-Chair)

A former Judge of the High Court (Family Division) and of the Court of Appeal, former President of the Employment Tribunal & until recently Chair of UNICEF UK.

2. Ifath Nawaz (Co-Chair)

President of the Association of Muslim Lawyers, member of the Policing and Security working group appointed by the Prime Minister in the wake of the bombings of 7 July 2005, a Commissioner on the Lunar House Report.

3. Countess of Mar

A cross-bench member of the House of Lords, and the holder of the original Earldom of Mar, the oldest peerage title in the United Kingdom; previously sat on the Asylum and Immigration tribunal, the panel hearing immigration appeal cases, for over two decades and resigned when she became disillusioned with the system.

4. Shamit Saggarr

Currently Professor of Political Science at the University of Sussex and Chair of the Law Society's Consumer Complaints Board. Previously a Senior Policy Advisor in the Prime Minister's Strategy Unit, Cabinet Office; a Reader in Political Behaviour at Queen Mary, University of London; a Harkness Fellow at UCLA, and a Yale World Fellow at Yale University.

5. Nicholas Sagovsky

Canon Professor Nicholas Sagovsky, Canon Theologian at Westminster Abbey. A Commissioner on the Lunar House Report (commission level secretary).

6. Katie Ghose

Director of the Institute for Human Rights. A public affairs specialist and lawyer with a background in human rights law and immigration, Katie has worked for a number of voluntary sector organisations.

7. Lord David Ramsbotham GCB CBE

Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons between December 1995 and August 2001 and is a former army general.

8. Dr Silvia Casale

Recently appointed member of the United Nations SPT (Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture) and President of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. Prior to this, she was a freelance researcher and academic.

9. Earl of Sandwich

A cross bencher in the House of Lords with an interest in international relations and refugee issues.

10. Zrinka Bralo

A journalist from Sarajevo has campaigned for refugee and human rights since her exile in 1993. In the past ten years she has worked as a journalist, commentator and researcher. She is Executive Director of the Migrant and Refugee Communities Forum in West London.

11. Bishop Patrick Lynch

Rt Reverend Patrick Lynch is the Auxiliary Bishop for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark. He has worked extensively with many different migrant communities during his ministry and was ordained bishop in 2006.

12. Jacqueline Parlevliet

Deputy Representative of the UNHCR in London (Observer status)