

Ashiana provides a specialist service for women and girls from South Asian, Turkish and Iranian backgrounds who have experienced violence against women and girls (VAWG) by providing specialist refuge, advice, support and counselling to empower them to make informed choices and decisions about their future. It also aims to raise awareness of VAWG, including harmful practices such as forced marriage, honour based violence and female genital mutilation, with statutory and non-statutory agencies, professionals and the wider community.

Female Immigration Caseworker/Solicitor

£31,686 p.a. pro rata

London

Full time- 35hpw

In this key role, you will be responsible for advocating and advising women in Ashiana's refuge accommodation and Advice Service who have experienced VAWG issues. You'll manage a complex caseload and support securing immigration status as well as keep up to date with relevant changes in legislation and case law.

You will be able to demonstrate:

- ❑ A minimum of 2 years experience working in the legal field and in areas such as immigration law, family law, domestic violence, welfare rights and housing; providing high quality legal advice and advocacy primarily to Black, Minority Ethnic (BME) women who are experiencing domestic and / or sexual violence
- ❑ A strong knowledge of up to date working knowledge of Home Office policies relating to gender based violence including Destitute Domestic Violence Concession, Domestic Violence and Asylum policies are essential.
- ❑ Ability to deliver projects on target, Sound knowledge in housing benefits, welfare rights and the criminal justice system is imperative. You must be sensitive to the needs of BME women, and be able to work well on your own initiative

All candidates must have fluency in at least one of the following languages: Urdu, Hindi, Punjabi, Gujarati, Bengali, Turkish or Farsi.

Some evening and weekend work is required.

Please note that we are a women only organisation and all roles are for female workers in accordance with section 7.2 (e) of the Sex Discrimination Act.

To apply, please go to: <http://ashiana.org.uk/contact-us/vacancies>

Closing date: 17th March 2017 at 12 Midnight

Interview Date: 27th, 28th and 29th March 2017

We are an equal opportunities employer

