

CASE STUDY: HOLISTIC APPROACH LEADS TO POSITIVE OUTCOME IN COMPLEX ADULT DEPENDENT RELATIVE APPEAL

Fragomen supported an elderly overseas national seeking entry clearance to join his daughter in the UK under the adult dependent relative route. Following the initial refusal, our team developed a comprehensive appeal strategy bringing together medical, social care and legal evidence to demonstrate the full extent of the client's care needs.



THE CHALLENGE

The Home Office concluded that appropriate care could be obtained in the client's home country. The appeal therefore centred on whether the level of care required could realistically be accessed and sustained there, and whether practical assistance alone could address his wider needs.

CARE BEYOND PRACTICAL TASKS: Physical health, mental wellbeing, isolation and separation from close family were closely interconnected.



OUR APPROACH

Fragomen presented the client's circumstances holistically rather than considering each condition in isolation. The case was supported by coordinated evidence from independent experts in both the UK and the client's home country.

- 3 Independent Experts
- 2 Jurisdictions
- 1 Coordinated Strategy

A medical expert and social workers in the UK and overseas provided aligned assessments of the client's circumstances and care needs. Susana Ferrín of No5 Barristers' Chambers was instructed as counsel for the appeal.

CASE FOCUS: Care needs were presented as an interconnected combination of physical, emotional, psychological and family support requirements.



THE OUTCOME

Refusal withdrawn before the hearing. Application expected to be granted

After reviewing the evidence assembled for the appeal, the Home Office withdrew its refusal and indicated that the application would be granted. The matter concluded successfully without the Tribunal needing to determine the substantive issues.



WHY THE CASE MATTERS

Adult Dependent Relative applications are subject to particularly restrictive requirements. This case demonstrates the value of presenting an individual's care needs holistically, particularly where physical health, mental wellbeing and family support are closely interconnected.

HOLISTIC CARE

- Practical assistance may not be an adequate substitute for supervision, emotional support and close family care.

COORDINATED EVIDENCE

- Consistent expert evidence across jurisdictions can help demonstrate the full picture of an individual's circumstances.

EMOTIONAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL NEEDS

- Emotional and psychological needs can form an integral part of an individual's overall care requirements.



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