

Upper Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber)

Appeal Number: IA/00402/2016

## **THE IMMIGRATION ACTS**

Heard at Field House

**On 24 October 2018** 

Decision & Reasons Promulgated On 6 November 2018

Before

### **DEPUTY UPPER TRIBUNAL JUDGE SHAERF**

Between

#### MUHAMMAD INAM (ANONYMITY DIRECTION NOT MADE)

**Appellant** 

and

# THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT Respondent

**<u>Representation</u>:** For the Appellant: Mr D Ayodele of Goodfellows Solicitors For the Respondent: Ms N Willocks-Briscoe of the Specialist Appeals Team

# ERROR OF LAW DECISION AND REASONS

### The Appellant

1. The Appellant is a citizen of Pakistan born on 13 December 1989. On 8 January 2016 the Respondent refused to grant the Appellant's application for further leave to remain on the basis of his marriage to a British citizen registered in April 2015.

### The First-tier Tribunal Proceedings

2. The appeal has had a difficult history in the First-tier Tribunal, following judicial review proceedings which resulted in the Respondent making a fresh decision giving the Appellant an in- country right of appeal. By a decision promulgated on 16 February 2017 Judge of the First-tier Tribunal Majid allowed the appeal. The Respondent obtained permission to appeal and by a decision promulgated on 6 December 2017 Deputy Upper Tribunal Judge Mandalia remitted the appeal for hearing afresh in the First-tier Tribunal. By a decision promulgated on 29 June 2018 Judge of the First-tier Tribunal Keane dismissed the appeal. On 21 September 2018 Judge of the First-tier Tribunal Grant-Hutchison granted the Appellant permission to appeal.

#### The Hearing in the Upper Tribunal

- 3. On 10 October 2018 the Respondent wrote to the Upper Tribunal stating that the Appellant's application was not opposed and inviting the Tribunal to determine the appeal with a fresh oral hearing.
- 4. I agree that Judge Keane's decision should be set aside. It did not take account of the provisions of paragraph Gen.3.1 of Appendix FM and their impact on Section EX.1(b).
- 5. It was evident that Mr Ayodele was not in a position to proceed at once to a substantive re-hearing of the appeal. In the circumstances I find it appropriate to remit the appeal for hearing afresh with no findings of fact preserved before me, sitting as a Deputy Upper Tribunal Judge at Taylor House.

#### **Anonymity**

6. There was no request for an anonymity direction and having the appeal, I find none is warranted.

#### **NOTICE OF DECISION**

The decision of the First-tier Tribunal contained a material error of law and is set aside.

No anonymity direction is made.

Signed/Official Crest 2018

Date 25. x.

Designated Judge Shaerf A Deputy Judge of the Upper Tribunal