

East of England Strategic Migration Partnership Terms of Reference for Social Care UASC Group

1. Purpose and Remit of the Group

- 1.1. To report to the Reference Group of the Strategic Migration Partnership on issues relating to Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC)
- 1.2. To consider the impact of legislation upon Social Services departments
- 1.3. To report on the delivery of the UASC national transfer scheme in the East of England.
- 1.4. To collate statistics and information relating to UASC supported by Social Services to be fed into policy making, advocacy, planning and funding bids
- 1.5. To share information and good practice
- 1.6. To participate in meetings and help to shape agendas

2. Chairing and Servicing

- 2.1 The Group to be chaired by a Strategic Migration Partnership officer who will put together the agenda following suggestions from group members.
- 2.2 A Strategic Migration Partnership officer will be responsible for minuting meetings and for circulation of agenda; papers etc.

3. Core Participants

- 3.1. Social Services leads from county and unitary authorities
- 3.2. UK Visas and Immigration
- 3.3. Coram Children's Legal Centre
- 3.4. Migrant Help
- 3.5. British Red Cross
- 3.6. Refugee Council
- 3.7. Legal Aid providers

4. Frequency of Meetings

- 4.1. Meetings will be held quarterly at West Suffolk House in Bury St Edmunds.