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## Asylum Seekers and Refugees – including refugee resettlement

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### Immigration statistics show the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on asylum applications and grants

The government has published its [immigration statistics](#) for the year March 2020 to March 2021. There were 26,903 asylum applications (main applicants only) in the UK in the year ending March 2021, a 24% decrease from the previous year. The UK offered protection, in the form of asylum, humanitarian protection, alternative forms of leave and resettlement, to 8,640 people (including dependants) in the year ending March 2021. This figure is around half (42%) of the number in the year ending March 2020, and the lowest level since 2012. The fall in people granted in the latest year is due to fewer initial decisions being made on asylum applications (12,968 in the year ending March 2021 compared with 20,552 in the year ending March 2020), as well as the pause to resettlement activity between March and November 2020, both a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The statistics also relate to those coming to the UK, extending their stay, gaining citizenship, and being detained or removed, as well as immigration for work, study and family reasons, including new visa routes where these are operational.

### Independent evaluation of UK refugee entrepreneurship pilot scheme

The UK refugee entrepreneurship pilot scheme funded four organisations to design and run tailored business support programmes for refugees over a one-year period. The aim was to prove the efficacy of refugee entrepreneurship programmes and to experiment with different models of delivery. The scheme was designed and run by the Centre for Entrepreneurs and funded by the Home Office and The National Lottery Community Fund.

This [report](#) is the culmination of a year-long scheme which explored the potential of start-up business support for refugees in the UK. Pilot partners in Bristol, the East of England, Stoke-on-Trent and Belfast provided direct support to 112 refugee participants, although notably demand was much higher.

As this report attests, the pilots were a major success. The evaluation looked behind the hard outcomes (numbers engaged, businesses launched) to identify the important role that refugee entrepreneurship programmes play in helping refugees acquire the skills, industry experience and finance needed to start and grow a business.

As a result of these pilots, three of the delivery bodies have secured a collective £1.7m to expand their support into new regions and help a further 585 refugee entrepreneurs over the next two years. In the East of England, £265,000 of new project funding has been secured for [MENTA](#) as part of the [Wellbeing & Work for Refugee Integration Programme](#). These findings have also fed into the £14m refugee transitions outcome fund (RTOF), announced in March 2021. The RTOF, a joint initiative between the Home Office, DWP and DCMS, will support circa 2,000 newly granted refugees to integrate in the UK including accessing housing, employment, and entrepreneurship support.

### British Red Cross report – Far from a home: why asylum accommodation needs reform

This [report](#) is based on the experiences of over 100 people living in asylum accommodation, particularly in contingency accommodation in hotels, hostels and ex-military barracks, as well as insights from British Red Cross staff and volunteers who are supporting thousands of people each year. It concludes that too many people are living in inappropriate housing where they do not feel safe and that this is having a serious, negative impact on their mental health and wellbeing.

The report sets out practical recommendations for improving the supply and quality of asylum accommodation, including working closely with devolved governments, local government, voluntary sector organisations and others as well and making changes to better meet people's needs in asylum accommodation.



## Stuck in the middle with you – Social Market Foundation report

In response to the Government's proposals for a 'New Plan for Immigration', this [report](#) argues that the UK should amend its existing immigration rules to allow safe and legal routes for more people to enter the UK on humanitarian grounds who can more easily integrate and make economic contributions to the UK.

Refugee resettlement efforts in the UK command broad support from politicians and civil society actors, but because the most vulnerable refugees are selected for entry to the UK on purely humanitarian grounds, many face huge challenges to integrating socially and contributing economically here. Focusing resettlement efforts solely on the most vulnerable – and determinedly not taking any account of refugees' skills, employability or integration potential in the UK – risks undermining both political and public support for the UK's refugee resettlement programme.

Therefore, alongside resettling the most vulnerable refugees, the report proposes new humanitarian routes to enter the UK, which can offer control and compassion but marry that with contribution. This could be achieved by: rebooting and reforming the UK's Mandate resettlement scheme, which has existed for 25 years but is little used even though it allows those refugees with an existing connection to the UK to come here; and, adapting the Points Based System to award extra entry points to would-be migrants on the basis of the humanitarian distress they find themselves in.

These proposed reforms therefore build on and out from those existing UK immigration policies – refugee resettlement and the Points Based System – which have been a political success because they meet the public's demand for security and control while providing flexibility over who enters the UK. It is this bedrock of support which provides the UK with an opportunity to go further on providing safe and legal routes for refugees, at a time when the global needs for refugee resettlement continue to far outstrip countries' willingness to receive resettled refugees.

## International Organization for Migration (IOM UK) – Refugee and migrant integration hub

To facilitate the sharing of integration resources, best practices and lessons learned, IOM UK has launched an [integration hub](#), for those working to support refugees and migrants in the UK. Through the integration hub, you will find information and products such as pre-departure orientation, early skills profiling, guides for employers, historic and cultural information on countries of origin and practical guidance on using the 'Indicators of Integration' that IOM UK developed as part of its pre-departure and post-arrival work along the resettlement continuum.

Local authorities can access pre-departure/post-arrival support resources, including an outline of pre-departure orientation and some supplementary resources such as videos used in pre-departure orientation, a selection of local authority factsheets, information on skills profiling, post-arrival and host community orientations, guides for employers, and the Link IT project. Please note that this section of the hub and its resources are accessible only to those who have registered using a gov.uk email address. Once you have registered, you will receive an activation email. Please check your spam/junk folders if you do not receive this email.

Other sections of the hub, however, do not require registration and are broadly available and are where you can access more information on refugee information sessions, and submit session requests directly through the hub. Here you can also access the COVID-19 session toolkit for resources and best practices on engaging migrant communities around COVID-19 issues. You will be able to access the Guide for Practitioners on the UK Home Office Indicators of Integration Framework 2019, a free-to-access resource that aims to support the effective use of the latest indicators of integration by practitioners, policy officers, and strategists who hold responsibility for interventions on integration and social cohesion. The guide promotes the wider implementation of the indicators of integration, by offering an accessible format to local authorities and grassroots organisations to apply it in their everyday work.



## Asylum seeker cleared of smuggling charges

On 13 May 2021, the Court of Appeal overturned the conviction of Fouad Kakaei, an Iranian asylum-seeker jailed for 17 months on smuggling charges for helping to pilot a boat with other migrants on board in the English Channel. He was rescued by UK Border Force officials while crossing the Channel in December 2019 and was sentenced to two years and two months in prison in January 2021 by the Canterbury Crown Court, after admitting that he had taken a turn steering the defective boat as he “didn’t want to die at sea”. At his retrial before the Court of Appeal, his lawyers successfully argued that “he should not have been found guilty of breaking immigration laws because he was intending to be rescued at sea so he could claim asylum”.

The appeal and subsequent acquittal have important implications for past and future prosecutions of a relatively new but growing group of immigration prosecutions in what have come to be known as small boats cases.

Further information on the case is available [here](#)

## The Children’s Society – Call for evidence: Responding to COVID-19 – issues affecting emergency support providers

Providers of emergency financial support are at the frontline of responding to COVID-19 and with ongoing restrictions across England and Wales, new challenges will emerge as the situation continues to evolve into the spring. If your organisation provides support, such as emergency food and fuel provision, cash grants, white goods, advice or other types of emergency support to people experiencing, or at risk of financial crisis, please do complete the [evidence form](#).

Refugee, asylum seeking and migrant communities have been particularly affected by the pandemic and insights about the issues affecting these communities and the organisations supporting them are particularly welcomed.

The insights gathered are analysed and collated into regular briefings that are shared with decision makers in order to highlight the key issues facing client groups, and organisations at the frontline of responding to COVID-19. Multiple responses are encouraged as new and additional issues arise so that as much evidence as possible can be captured as the situation develops.

The Children’s Society have also produced a series of briefings in partnership with JRF, Turn2Us and Lloyds Bank Foundation during the pandemic. The briefings have highlighted the most common issues affecting vulnerable groups and the services that have been supporting them throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The most recent briefing revisited digital exclusion as a theme, which is something that continues to be a problem, particularly affecting refugee and asylum seeking communities. You can find that briefing, along with the others, [here](#)

## Asylum right to work policy changed

The Home Office has updated its policy guidance on when asylum seekers can get permission to work, following two cases finding the previous version unlawful. The [update](#), published on 4 May 2021 explicitly mentions that exceptions can be made to the strict rules against working while awaiting an asylum decision. The document also contains new contact details for requesting permission to work. For those awaiting an initial decision on their asylum claim: email [AomPTW@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:AomPTW@homeoffice.gov.uk). For refused asylum seekers with further submissions outstanding: [RCMPTW@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:RCMPTW@homeoffice.gov.uk). An alternative postal address is provided in each case.

## Refugee Support Network changes name to Refugee Education UK

Since it was set up 10 years ago, Refugee Support Network have always been about education for young refugees and asylum seekers. The name has now been changed to reflect that focus and the new website is available [here](#).

## Migration

### **New Plan for Immigration: Legal Migration and Border Control strategy statement**

Published by the Home Office on 24 May 2021, this [strategy statement](#) sets out the government's vision for legal migration and border control as part of the new plan for immigration and provides details of delivery priorities for 2021/2022. These include:

- new and reformed immigration routes
- simplifying systems and processes
- implementing digital systems
- overhauling the operation of the UK border by introducing a universal permission to travel requirement, for all coming to the UK (except for British and Irish citizens) and adopting increasing automation

### **EU Settlement Scheme statistics**

The latest [headline figures](#) show that:

- overall, the total number of applications received up to 30 April 2021 was 5,423,300
- overall, the total number of applications concluded up to 30 April 2021 was 5,118,300

Released on 27 May 2021, this [publication](#) takes an in-depth look at the total number of applications to the EU Settlement Scheme between 28 August 2018 and 31 March 2021 and their outcomes and includes details of repeat applications:

- Of the 5.3 million applications received, 6% were from repeat applicants (311,870)
- This suggests that an estimated 4,963,560 people had applied to the scheme up to 31 March 2021
- 93% of repeat applicants have received a grant of status (Settled or Pre-settled Status)
- 47% of repeat applicants have moved from Pre-settled to Settled status

### **EU Settlement Scheme – Looked after children and care leavers**

From 8 February to 23 April 2021, the Home Office undertook a follow up [survey](#) of local authorities in England, Wales, Scotland and of Health and Social Care Trusts in Northern Ireland to provide an update on the estimated number of looked after children and care leavers eligible to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS).

As of 23 April 2021, of the 3,660 looked after children and care leavers identified by the survey as eligible to apply, 2,440 applications to the EUSS had been received (67%). 1,765 (72%) of these applications had been decided, of which 1,365 (77%) had resulted in a grant of settled status and 235 (13%) in a grant of pre-settled status. As of 23 April 2021, 1,155 looked after children and care leavers eligible to apply to the EUSS (as identified by the survey) were yet to apply.

The most commonly identified barrier to making an application (as was the case in the previous survey) was the 'lack of sufficient identity documents' (recorded 59 times). This was jointly followed by 'delay in obtaining ID documents' (recorded 43 times) and 'resistance or lack of co-operation by the applicant and/or their family members' (recorded 43 times), for example where a care leaver has refused to complete an application or where parents have refused to provide the relevant identity documents for looked after children.

Updated Home Office [guidance](#) makes clear that applications to the EUSS can be made without the required identity document where the applicant is unable to obtain or produce one due to circumstances beyond their control or due to compelling compassionate or practical reasons, including the impact of COVID-19 on consular services.

Furthermore, a recent [High Court judgement](#) allows local authorities to apply to the EUSS for EU children in their care without parental consent. A summary of the case can be found [here](#).

**The deadline for applications to the EU Settlement Scheme is 30 June 2021**

## EU Settlement Scheme children's leaflet

With the application deadline of 30 June 2021, it is crucial that eligible parents apply to the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) themselves and check whether they need to do so on behalf of their children. No child of any age is covered by a parent's application to the EUSS.

The Home Office has produced an EUSS children's [leaflet](#), in partnership with the University of Liverpool. It has been designed with children in mind and is intended to support children and parents with information to help them apply to the EUSS.

## Late applications to the EU Settlement Scheme

From 1 July 2021, all those EU, EEA, and Swiss citizens who continue to reside in the UK and who have not obtained status under the EU Settlement Scheme will be in the UK unlawfully. On 1 April 2021, the Home Office released [guidance](#) on how it will deal with late applications, including a non-exhaustive list of what constitutes such reasonable grounds, which includes:

- children, whose parent or legal guardian failed to apply for them under the EU Settlement Scheme
- physical or mental capacity, which hinders the making of an application
- serious medical conditions or treatment

The guidance also contains a clause covering "other compelling practical or compassionate reasons"

## Office of the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner and University of Nottingham Rights Lab – Call for evidence on re-trafficking

The Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner (IASC) and the University of Nottingham Rights Lab have launched a call for evidence on re-trafficking to inform a rapid piece of research. The research, commissioned by the IASC and led by the Rights Lab, aims to understand the evidence, data and literature available on re-trafficking as well as to hear from those in the sector about their experiences and the reality of re-trafficking in their work. This evidence will identify knowledge and data gaps in relation to re-trafficking and its causes. The research will also aim to identify any re-trafficking prevention strategies that have been implemented and make recommendations relevant to a UK context as appropriate.

Evidence is sought from across the modern slavery sector including: service providers, NGOs and CSOs, local government, survivor organisations and individuals, businesses, academics and policymakers.

For further information and to submit evidence, please click [here](#)

This call for evidence will run until **30 June 2021**

## Barnardo's Independent Child Trafficking Guardianship Service expands into Essex and Bedfordshire

As part of the recommendations following a review of the Modern Slavery Act in 2020, the Independent Child Trafficking Guardianship (ICTG) Service is being rolled out further across the UK in May 2021 and is now operational in the following geographical areas: Bedfordshire, East Midlands, Essex, Gloucestershire (including Bristol), Greater Manchester, Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Kent, Lancashire, Merseyside, North Yorkshire, Surrey, Wales, Warwickshire, West Midlands and West Yorkshire. The service offers advice, guidance and support for children who have been trafficked and exploited by modern slavery. The Modern Slavery Act defines the exploitation types as sexual, criminal, forced labour, domestic servitude and organ harvesting. Interim guidance on the roles and responsibilities of Independent Child Trafficking Guardians is available [here](#).

A series of awareness raising sessions as an introduction to the Independent Child Trafficking Guardianship Service are running throughout May, June and July 2021 for managers and practitioners who are likely to make referrals to or work in partnership with ICTG's (for example Social Care, Police, Youth Offending). If you are interested in attending one of these sessions, please email [helen.hancock@eelga.gov.uk](mailto:helen.hancock@eelga.gov.uk).



## Women's Health Strategy – Call for evidence

The Government is calling on women from Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds, those living in the Midlands and East of England, and women over 50 to respond to its [call for evidence](#) to help inform the development of the government's Women's Health Strategy. More than 50,000 women, organisations, clinicians and carers have responded so far. The easiest way to participate in the call for evidence as an individual is by completing this [public survey](#). The survey is open to individuals aged 16 and over in England only. Written submissions from individuals or organisations who have expertise in women's health, such as researchers and third-sector organisations are also welcomed.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 13 June 2021**

## Housing Rights quarterly newsletter for migrants – April edition

The April newsletter focuses on six legal challenges that currently face the Home Office and draws attention to the urgent task of helping European nationals secure settled status. The topics covered are:

- Thousands of vulnerable European nationals could miss out on June 30 deadline
- Rough sleeping rule faces court challenge
- "No recourse" rule – two key court cases
- Will the hostile environment be intensified still further?
- Asylum accommodation – more problems and more court cases

The newsletter can be downloaded [here](#)

## Opportunity for young Roma to join Roma News project

The Roma News Project was born from the need to bring relevant information to the Roma communities in the UK. Its aims are also to enhance media skills and the participation of Roma who are passionate about such work, and to give a voice to those that need support. The project also intends to raise awareness of concerns in Roma communities.

The project will run over 18 months and it will help young Roma benefit from specialist media training, peer support sessions, and opportunities to put in practice the skills gained through production and distribution of the monthly audio-visual Roma News programme.

The intention is that the Roma News programme will be a platform for young Roma to learn, improve and express their media skills and to empower them to become actors of the change they are seeking.

Further information is available [here](#) and the full list of videos created by the project is [here](#)

## Access to public funds to be granted to Hong Kong BN(O) visa holders facing destitution

Following a change to the [Immigration Rules](#), people who are granted leave to remain on the British National (Overseas) visa route will be able to apply for a change of conditions to have the 'no recourse to public funds' (NRPF) condition lifted if they become destitute or are at imminent risk of destitution. Additional information from the NRPF Network is available [here](#)

## Events and Training

### EU Settlement Scheme children in care webinars – Tuesday 1 June 2021 and Thursday 3 June 2021

The Home Office is planning to deliver further workshops to support officers and social workers with EUSS applications for children in care and care leavers:

EUSS – Applications for Looked After Children and Care Leavers (general information): **Thursday 3 June 2021, 12:00-13:00**

EUSS – Alternative Identity Applications Workshops: **Tuesday 1 June 2021 – 14:00-15:00** (this is a troubleshooting session – there will be no presentation, just Q&A). This session will explain what is required to make a valid application using alternative evidence of identity and nationality.

Registration for all events is by email to: [Feedback-EUSSsupportmodel@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:Feedback-EUSSsupportmodel@homeoffice.gov.uk). Please provide the title and date of the event in the subject line.

### Crafting the Self – Creative Activities for Migrant and Refugee Women in Cambridge – April - July 2021

Cambridge Ethnic Community Forum are running an exciting new project with local artist Saadia Khan. This is for refugee and migrant women - whether they have arrived recently or have been in the UK for a while. The project uses arts and crafts to engage women, breaking down barriers of isolation and improving their health and wellbeing, conversational English skills, building confidence and feelings of self-esteem and ensuring that they can participate in and feel part of normal Cambridge life. The sessions are held at Arbury Community Centre on Wednesdays and Clay Farm Centre on Fridays.

For more information, see the poster [here](#)

### Training – Safeguarding Solutions for Professionals – Bal Kaur Howard Training

A series of online training courses are available for professionals:

- Substance Misuse/ Addiction – Impact children/families: **21 June or 19 July 2021**
- FGM / Breast Ironing Flattening: **16 June or 14 July 2021 (pm)**
- Honour Based Abuse / Forced Marriage: **16 June & 14 July 2021 (am)**
- Modern Slavery / Trafficking (Children & Adults): **21 June & 19 July 2021 (pm)**

Training packages can also be tailored to suit your organisation and teams. A selection of subjects can be delivered over half a day, one day, two days or twilight sessions.

Bal has been employed by Suffolk Constabulary for 7½ years in their Domestic Abuse Team, offering her “expertise” on cases and writing safeguarding policies for Honour Based Abuse, Forced Marriage & FGM for the Constabulary & Local Safeguarding Boards. Bal was born in India and brought to the UK aged one where she was forced into a marriage at the age of 17. Bal says: “I refuse to take my past into the future, and regard myself to be an empowered survivor – my darkest past is now my greatest possession”.

For further information or a booking form email: [info@bkhtraining.co.uk](mailto:info@bkhtraining.co.uk) or visit the website [here](#)

### Webinar to refine and develop proposals for a model court for migrant children – Wednesday 23 June 2021, 17:00-19:15

Chaired by Baroness Helena Kennedy of the Shaws and in coordination with Routes at the University of Exeter, this webinar will provide an opportunity to share the vision of a fairer, more transparent judicial process which aims to better realise the rights of children including their psychological well-being and overall welfare.

This gathering will provide a space for experts to share with you their insights into how this ambitious goal can be achieved.

For more information and to register, please click [here](#)



## What is a School of Sanctuary? – Tuesday 29 June 2021, 16:00-17:15

A webinar for all current Schools of Sanctuary and those interested in joining or supporting the network to find out about the Schools of Sanctuary stream and share stories and activities from across the network.

This online event will:

- outline the process of becoming a School of Sanctuary
- explain the learn/embed/share criteria
- discuss what it means to be a School of Sanctuary
- and hear from schools in the network to share examples of activities and policies they have adopted

It is hoped this conversation will highlight the diversity of contexts for being a School of Sanctuary, motivate those considering to apply and inspire all schools with new ideas and activities. Attendees will hear from a range of schools and have the opportunity to ask questions.

To register for the event, please click [here](#)

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## Funding

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### Norfolk Black History Month: Celebrating Black Culture, Past, Present & Future – Community Grant

Norfolk Black History Month comprises of a small number of volunteers and associate members who work tirelessly throughout the year to engage the community in celebration of Black History. It's aims are for the public benefit, to promote knowledge and experience of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) community history and share the positive contributions that BAME people gave to British society.

Norfolk Black History Month gather in October to celebrate BAME history past, present and future, acknowledging the role of Black History as inspirational for progress in shaping and developing our present world in social, artistic, cultural, economic aspects and bringing scientific and technological advancements.

The Norfolk Black History Month Committee invites you to join in addressing the issue of racial prejudice by celebrating equality and diversity in your own way. Please click [here](#) for the application form for Community Project Grants of £200. The theme for Norfolk Black History Month 2021 is *"In the age of slavery; Norfolk county of abolition"*

**Deadline for applications: Monday 14 June 2021**

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## Jobs

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### Policy & Advocacy Officer – European Network on Statelessness

The European Network on Statelessness is recruiting a Policy & Advocacy Officer to work at the forefront of one of the most pressing human rights issues. The successful candidate will contribute to work to monitor, inform, and promote effective law, policy, and practice across the region as it impacts on diverse stateless people and those at risk of statelessness.

Working closely with the Head of Policy & Research and Legal Policy Officer, the Policy & Advocacy Officer will work on projects addressing a wide range of issues relating to people affected by statelessness and nationality problems in Europe. They will conduct legal and/or policy analysis, draft policy papers and submissions, represent ENS at advocacy meetings and events, and contribute to the work of the team in other areas, such as training and capacity-building, campaigning, and community engagement.

This is a full-time 18-month fixed-term post with a salary of £27,342 per annum. To learn more about the role and to apply, please click [here](#)

**Deadline for applications: 09:00 Monday 7 June 2021**



## **Support Worker – Refugee and Migrant Services – King’s Arms Project**

Part time (30 hours per week) – 1 year fixed term contract

The King’s Arms Project believe that there is no such thing as a hopeless case and refuses to give up on anybody and believe that everyone can have a bright future. The project has been supporting people out of poverty for over 30 years and has seen many overcome incredible adversity and go on to achieve incredible personal success. If you’re passionate about supporting refugees and vulnerable migrants, the King’s Arms Project wants to hear from you.

The team of support workers serves refugees and migrants by delivering a number of services, including:

- providing vulnerable migrants with high quality information and advice
- providing holistic integration support to refugee families resettled by the UNHCR
- providing supported accommodation for people refused asylum

The ideal candidate will have an understanding of the issues facing refugees & vulnerable migrants, have worked in a casework environment, have excellent cross-cultural and interpersonal skills, a great eye for detail and be a strong team player.

King’s Arms Project respects individuals of all faiths and none. This post carries a genuine occupational requirement (GOR) that the post-holder be a practising Christian.

Additional information about the role and the application form are available [here](#)

**Deadline for applications: 12:00 noon Monday 14 June 2021**

## **Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Project Manager – Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Healthwatch Peterborough**

This role offers the opportunity to be part of a new three-year lottery funded project to help improve the health and care experiences and outcomes of people in the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities. Gypsies, Roma and Travellers make up the largest ethnic minority groups in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, yet they are more likely to experience significantly poorer health than the general population. This project has developed from work started in 2016 to listen to the experiences of local Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people, which culminated in the publication this 'Our Health Matters' [report](#). The successful applicant will be responsible for developing, co-ordinating and delivering this new 'Our Health Matters project' supporting Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Further information about the role and an application form are available [here](#)

**Deadline for application: Sunday 27 June 2021**

## **Professional Support Lawyer – Immigration (Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children and Refugees) – East Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership**

This is an exciting opportunity to provide leadership and support to legal advisers and social workers across the nine upper tier local authorities in the East Midlands in their management of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC), care leavers, looked after children and individuals subject to a NRPF condition. The successful applicant will provide legal advice, support, develop precedents and working practices, research points of law, contribute to the production of briefings, updates, or other materials for circulation, and provide training sessions on immigration and asylum law, practice and precedents. Representation on casework is specifically excluded.

For further information about the role and an application form, click [here](#)

**Deadline for application: 14:00 Monday 21 June 2021**

## **Co-Chair for Board of Trustees – City of Sanctuary UK**

City of Sanctuary UK is seeking to appoint a Co-Chair of Trustees to work in partnership with a Co-Chair, Chief Officer and the Board of Trustees. City of Sanctuary UK are at an exciting stage of development with a growing national network of cities, towns and villages of sanctuary, as well as streams of sanctuary such as schools, universities, libraries and others.

City of Sanctuary UK are seeking someone who has a proven passion and commitment to building a welcoming movement for people seeking sanctuary and who is able to work collaboratively with the Co-Chair (who has excellent skills and experience, including lived experience of seeking sanctuary) and is able to develop an excellent/effective working relationship. The Co-Chairs will equally be responsible for providing leadership for the organisation and working with the management team towards achieving City of Sanctuary UK's mission and vision.

The new appointment will run from 22nd September 2021 when the outgoing Chair will step down at the AGM. The board has agreed to appoint an existing board member into the other Co-Chair position. The Chief Officer, outgoing Chair and the Co-Chair in-waiting, are keen to offer an informal conversation if you are interested in this exciting opportunity. Please contact [info@cityofsanctuary.org](mailto:info@cityofsanctuary.org). Applications from people with lived experience of the asylum system are especially welcome.

For more information, role profile and application form, please click [here](#)

**Deadline for applications: Thursday 29 July 2021**

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