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Asylum Seekers and Refugees – including refugee resettlement

Afghan citizens resettlement scheme

The Home Office has announced further details of the Afghan citizens resettlement scheme (ACRS). The UK formally opened the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS) on 6 January 2022 under which the government will resettle more than 5,000 people in the first year and up to 20,000 over the coming years.

Anyone who is resettled through the ACRS will receive indefinite leave to enter or remain (ILR) in the UK, and will be able to apply for British citizenship after 5 years in the UK under existing rules.

The scheme will prioritise:

- those who have assisted the UK efforts in Afghanistan and stood up for values such as democracy, women's rights, freedom of speech, and rule of law
- vulnerable people, including women and girls at risk, and members of minority groups at risk (including ethnic and religious minorities and LGBT+)

To find out more about this scheme click [here](#)

The latest Funding Instructions for the Afghan Schemes have also been released [here](#)

Operation Warm Welcome: progress update

Over 15,000 people were evacuated from Afghanistan during Operation Pitting, and around 1,500 people have been helped to enter the UK since the evacuation. This is in addition to around 2,000 people who arrived under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy between the end of June 2021 and when Operation Pitting began on 14 August.

Homes have already been provided for more than 4,000 Afghans who arrived in the UK before, during, and after Operation Pitting. Over 300 local authorities have pledged to resettle families so far, and the government continues to work at pace alongside local authorities and the private rented sector to secure more permanent homes.

On 6 January 2022, data showed there were over 12,000 people in around 80 bridging hotels. While work is ongoing to resettle families permanently as quickly as possible, they are receiving support to register with a GP, access Covid-19 vaccinations, and apply for Universal Credit and State Pension Credit, if eligible.

The Home Office is planning to publish regular updates of the numbers being offered protection under UK Resettlement programmes in its [quarterly Immigration Statistics](#). The next publication will be on 24 February 2022.

Home Office to introduce scientific methods for assessing the age of asylum seekers

The Home Secretary has announced that the Home Office is establishing a new Scientific Advisory Committee to provide advice on ways of checking how old an asylum seeker is. Government reforms will bring the UK's age checking policy in line with other countries. Scientific methods are used by most European countries, who primarily use X-ray scans, and sometimes CT scans and MRI imaging to view key parts of the body.

Home Secretary Priti Patel said:

“The Nationality and Borders Bill will end many of the blatant abuses that have led to our immigration and asylum system being abused by those with no right to be in our country.”

The committee will be looking at a range of scientific methods for estimating age, and will be considering their accuracy and reliability, as well as ethical and medical issues. They will report their findings directly to the Home Office Chief Scientific Adviser to support her in advising Ministers on appropriate scientific methods for age estimation.

For more on this process click [here](#)



Changes to age assessment for asylum applicants

Age assessment [guidance](#) for Home Office staff has been updated to reflect the following changes:

- The document has been amended to reflect changes to the initial age assessment policy following the judgment of the Supreme Court in [R \(BF \(Eritrea\)\) v Secretary of State for the Home Department \[2021\] UKSC 38](#) which held that the Home Office initial age assessment policy of treating individuals as adults where their physical appearance and demeanour very strongly suggested that they were significantly over 18 years of age was lawful.
- This document has also been amended to reflect the discontinuation of the use of social workers within the Kent Intake Unit in the age assessment role.

This guidance sets out the policy and procedures that must be followed when an asylum seeker or migrant claims to be a child and their claimed age is doubted by the Home Office or they claim to be an adult but are suspected to be a child.

A further [judgement](#) handed down by the High Court on 19 January 2022 found that the Home Office acted unlawfully in detaining unaccompanied young people for age assessments at port in Kent. Read the full story [here](#) and more detailed analysis [here](#)

Proposed asylum reform would fail to meet human rights standards – Report by the Joint Committee on Human Rights

The Government reforms of the asylum system, as proposed in the Nationality and Borders Bill, would fail to meet the UK's human rights obligations and risk exacerbating the already unacceptable backlog of claims, a [report](#) by the Joint Committee on Human Rights has found. The Committee is also concerned about procedural changes, saying “we do not accept that procedural changes to speed up processing can be justified if they would result in flawed decision making and ultimately people being returned to face torture or death”.

The report warns that legislating to create different categories of refugee based on how they came to the UK would be inconsistent with the Refugee Convention and potentially a discriminatory breach of human rights. Instead of combatting people smugglers, the legislation would penalise asylum claimants for not utilising ‘safe and legal routes’ that lack sufficient capacity to support them. This and other proposed reforms, including permitting more asylum claims to be rejected without consideration and introducing the possibility of offshore processing of asylum claims, risk undermining the humanitarian and cooperative principles on which refugee protection is founded.

The Committee also warns that the Government's intention to lower the threshold for giving the benefit of the doubt to age-disputed individuals may lead to more children being wrongly identified as adults, with severe consequences which would amount to a denial of children's rights. The Committee is also concerned about the powers which would be given to the Secretary of State to allow for the use of scientific methods to assess age and finds there is no justification for their use given their inaccuracy.

New secure site for processing migrants

The Home Office has confirmed that part of the Ministry of Defence site at Manston, Kent will be used as a processing site for migrants by January 2022. As part of the government's New Plan for Immigration, the site will be able to hold migrants for up to 5 days as security and identity checks are completed.

Minister for Justice and Tackling Illegal Migration, Tom Pursglove said:

“We are overhauling our broken asylum system to ensure people smugglers can't profit from this vile trade. This new site will provide safe and secure accommodation for illegal migrants whilst the government carries out necessary checks. It is only our New Plan for Immigration which will reform the system and build one which is fair on those who play by the rules, and firm on those who do not.”

Read the full press release [here](#)



Report of the Inquiry into Quasi-Detention - All-Party Parliamentary Group

The All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Immigration Detention published the full [report](#) of its inquiry into the Home Office's controversial use of 'quasi-detention' to house destitute asylum seekers at large-scale, institutional sites such as Napier Barracks in Kent and Penally Camp in Wales.

Napier and Penally have been used for contingency accommodation since 2020 due to the pressures caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. The APPG on Immigration Detention is highly critical of the sites, with the inquiry finding them to be prison-like and "fundamentally unsuitable" for use as asylum accommodation.

The report states: "The APPG Inquiry has heard how residents have been forced to live in appalling conditions, and how their mental health in particular has deteriorated, in some cases to the point of suicidality, during their stays. The government has overseen numerous operational failings at the sites, despite repeated warnings from inspectors, the High Court and others about how badly things have gone wrong. It accepts that the sites are not suitable environments for vulnerable people, yet has allowed such individuals to be sent to and remain at them, including unaccompanied age-disputed children, people who are self-harming and attempting suicide, and victims of torture, trafficking and other serious abuses."

To read more on this, click [here](#)

Yarl's Wood Befrienders becomes Beyond Detention

Detention charity rebrands to reflect an expansion to their work, recognising the hostile environment faced by people both in detention and after release.

On its twentieth anniversary, Yarl's Wood Befrienders is changing its name to Beyond Detention and launching a new [website](#). The new name reflects the charity's arc of care, which now supports people when they leave detention as well as while they are detained indefinitely within Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre.

Read the full press release [here](#)

RASI (Resettlement, Asylum Support and Integration) data, Q3 2021: Data on Resettlement, Asylum Support and Integration activities

Access full Q3 data sets [here](#) for information on:

- the number of Aspen Cards in use
- the number of Aspen Card-related support enquiries received by the Home Office and Sodexo
- transfers under the National Transfer Scheme
- applications for Support Section 4 and Section 95
- travel documents, applications raised and despatched

Unaccompanied asylum seeking children - new National Transfer Scheme Protocol and funding instructions

The National Transfer Scheme (NTS) Protocol was updated on 14 December 2021 to reflect the mandatory requirement of local authorities to participate in the scheme which was [announced](#) on 23 November 2021. To read the Protocol in full, click [here](#).

Instructions to local authorities about funding for the support and care of former and unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC) have also been updated and are available [here](#).

Advice and guidance on refugee and asylum seeker access to Higher Education

The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) has produced a [good practice briefing](#) for staff working in universities and colleges. The briefing outlines the common challenges for refugees or asylum seekers and shares examples of good practice being done around the UK to improve access to and success in higher education.



Chartered Institute of Housing newsletter - January 2022

The latest issue of the Housing Rights quarterly newsletter is available [here](#). The topics covered in this issue are:

- All rough sleepers should receive emergency support
- More on tackling destitution
- The Nationality & Borders Bill
- A year of channel crossings and tragedies
- The struggle to house people evacuated from Afghanistan
- The EU Settlement Scheme – where do people stand now?
- Asylum accommodation – problems continue
- More problems with the asylum system
- Help for migrants suffering domestic abuse or gender-based violence
- Latest on the Windrush compensation scheme

How asylum seekers can get jobs in social care

On the last working day before Christmas, the government [announced](#) that it is adding social care workers to the Health and Care visa and Shortage Occupation List. The change is due to come into force in February 2022 and is a temporary measure in place for a minimum of 12 months.

During that period, the role of care assistant, care worker, carer, home care assistant, and home care and support worker (nursing home) will be eligible for sponsorship at a minimum salary of £20,480. In addition, the fact that they are going on the Shortage Occupation List means that people who have been waiting over a year for a decision on an asylum claim can apply for permission to work in these roles.

Read more on this [here](#)

Migration

EU Settlement Scheme statistics

The latest quarterly statistics (up to 30 September 2021), show that 9% of applications were from repeat applicants (530,290). This indicates that an estimated 5.66 million people had applied to the scheme by the end of September 2021, of which 5.26 million were from EEA nationals and approximately 390,000 from non-EEA nationals.

Of the 5.66 million people who have applied, over 5.2 million people have obtained a grant of status.

Further information and detailed breakdowns of EUSS applications and their conclusions can be found in the latest quarterly [EUSS statistical release](#)

The latest headline figures, derived from internal management information show that:

- Total number of applications as of 31 December 2021 was 6,385,500 of which 333,200 were received after 30 June 2021
- Total number of concluded applications as of 31 December 2021 6,057,400 of which 613,400 were concluded after 30 June 2021

Concluded applications by outcome type as of 31 December 2021:

- Settled - 52% (3,126,600)
- Pre-settled - 41% (2,507,400)
- Refused - 3% (205,400)
- Withdrawn or void - 2% (112,200)
- Invalid - 2% (105,400)

For more information, click [here](#)

EU Settlement Scheme: looked-after children and care leavers survey 2020 to 2021

From 4 October to 30 November 2021, the Home Office undertook a further follow-up [survey](#) of local authorities in England, Wales and 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 up to and since the 30 June 2021 deadline.

- 205 of the 210 local government bodies in the UK with responsibility for children's services responded to the survey. The returns identified 3,895 looked after children and care leavers as potentially eligible to apply for the EUSS, an increase of 235 from 3,660 as of 23 April 2021.

As of 30 November 2021, of the 3,895 looked after children and care leavers identified by the survey as potentially eligible to apply, 3,705 applications to the EUSS had been received (95%). 2,840 (77%) of these applications had been decided, of which 2,245 (79%) had resulted in a grant of settled status and 420 (15%) in a grant of pre-settled status.

- 175 (6%) received an 'Other' outcome which means the application was withdrawn, void, invalid or refused. 15 applications (1%) were refused because the applicant did not meet the criteria for the EUSS, as set out in Appendix EU to the Immigration Rules.

- Of the 2,370 looked after children identified by the survey where there was a court order in place in respect of the child, e.g. a care order, interim care order or adoption placement order, and the Local Authority had parental responsibility for the child, 2,265 (96%) had so far had an application to the EUSS made by the Local Authority. Of these applications, 1,690 (75%) had been decided, of which 1,340 (79%) had resulted in a grant of settled status and 250 (15%) in a grant of pre-settled status. 105 (6%) received an 'Other' outcome.

More than half of calls to EU Settlement Scheme helpline unanswered – Free Movement

People having problems with their application to the EU Settlement Scheme or issues proving their status have one main point of contact with the Home Office: the EUSS helpline. The Home Office has now revealed that this valuable resource has been failing people, with only 44% of calls getting through to a caseworker between November 2020 and November 2021.

In this time frame, more than 1,400,000 calls were placed, showing the widespread need for information and guidance from the government. Of those, around 650,000 were successfully connected.

There are currently 320,000 applications in the Settlement Scheme backlog, waiting for a decision. Although the government has provided reassurances that people will have their rights protected while waiting for a decision, the day-to-day reality is confusion, both for EU citizens themselves and those checking immigration status, such as employers, landlords, benefits officials and border officers. For those in the backlog, access to a reliable helpline service is crucial.

The issue also affects people who have secured their pre-settled or settled status but are having problems with the online system to "view and prove" their immigration status.

For the full article from Free Movement, click [here](#)

A further inspection of the EU Settlement Scheme July 2020-March 2021 – Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration (ICIBI) and Home Office response

Published in January 2022, this [inspection](#) looked at:

- Home Office strategies for ensuring that the EUSS is accessible to vulnerable and hard-to reach applicants, including through the organisations and local authorities in receipt of funding to promote and support access to the EUSS
- How EUSS applications, and related enquiries, are handled by the Settlement Resolution Centre, EUSS Casework and Criminal Casework teams

The Home Office response is available [here](#)



Briefing: The migration intentions of British National (Overseas) status holders in Hong Kong – The Migration Observatory

This [briefing](#) presents key findings from the first round of a survey conducted in Hong Kong in February-April 2021 about the migration intentions of British National (Overseas) (BN(O)) status holders in Hong Kong.

Key Points:

- In early 2021, 6% of BN(O)s were planning to come to the UK via the BN(O) visa scheme and a further 32% were considering coming.
- Many potential BN(O) movers do not plan to move immediately or are uncertain about when they might move.
- Factors making the BN(O) visa attractive included flexibility to work, bring family members, and the lack of an English language requirement.
- Potential UK movers are younger and more educated than people who plan to stay in Hong Kong.
- The UK is the most popular choice of destination countries among BN(O)s leaving or considering leaving Hong Kong, with a third choosing it as their first-choice country.
- Over 40% of potential UK movers said they planned to move to London.
- Dissatisfaction with the political, economic, and social environment in Hong Kong are push factors for BN(O) migration.
- Potential BN(O) movers cited a wide range of political, social, personal and economic factors informing their interest in moving to the UK

Automated passport checks make it harder to spot human trafficking – [Free Movement](#)

Airport “eGates” where people can scan their own passport may make it harder for border officers to catch human trafficking, inspectors have warned.

A [review](#) of eGates by the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration (ICIBI) highlights concerns by NGOs and some Border Force teams that “the gates make it harder to identify vulnerable passengers”. Border officers in Glasgow airport turn the gates off completely for “high-risk flights” to make sure that all passengers are processed face-to-face: this is “standard practice” for flights from Bucharest, for example.

The Modern Slavery Unit accepts “there is a theoretical concern that gates make it more difficult to identify vulnerable passengers” but has no capacity to look into it. The Chief Inspector notes that “stakeholders have more than theoretical concerns”, with one NGO saying “we find that ePassport gates almost completely eradicating the safeguarding aspect”.

Citizens of the UK, European Economic Area, Switzerland, Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea and USA can use eGates.

The Home Office response to the ICIBI report is available [here](#)

IASC and ECPAT UK report on child trafficking in the UK in 2021

The Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner, Dame Sara Thornton, and ECPAT UK launched this report: [Child trafficking in the UK 2021: a snapshot](#) on 23 December 2021.

Child trafficking remains a significant and growing problem in the UK with 4,646 children referred into the National Referral Mechanism in 2020/21 accounting for 43.5% of all potential victims identified. Despite Covid-19 and the restrictions during periods of lockdown exploitation of children continues to rise with the vast majority of children referred for criminal exploitation and a substantial proliferation of online exploitation.

The report provides an outline of child trafficking between October 2020 and October 2021, including the latest data, policy developments, examples of promising practice and challenges faced by practitioners. It concludes with a series of 10 recommendations aimed at a range of stakeholders.



ECPAT UK's global call for evidence – expertise of practitioners required

ECPAT UK and the University of Bedfordshire are conducting research aiming to identify ways to improve outcomes for child victims of trafficking and modern slavery after identification. Practitioners who work with child victims of trafficking and exploitation are invited to submit evidence about practices, approaches and programmes which can promote positive outcomes, in particular relating to their participation, empowerment, inclusion, protection and recovery.

If you would like to find out more or to submit evidence, then please visit the website [here](#). Please note the deadline for submissions is 28th February so please complete before then.

Do you support people with unsettled immigration status with deteriorating or advanced ill health? Invitation to join focus group

Researchers are working on a project exploring the challenges for people with unsettled immigration status who are unwell and have deteriorating health (in particular, those who are migrants, destitute and experiencing homelessness). It is hoped that this work will evidence some of the significant gaps and barriers within the system, enhance understanding by politicians, commissioners and providers of services and support efforts to advocate for change. There will be 2 -3 focus groups so if you are interested, please pick all dates that work for you from this [doodle poll](#). Each person will only be needed for one group which will last for 90 minutes. The discussion will explore the challenges that you and people you work with have experienced in accessing support.

If any of the people that you support might be open to being interviewed about their experiences of accessing support for the research project, please do get in touch with the researchers.

A copy of the information sheet is available [here](#), which includes contact details should you have any queries about the project.

This is a collaborative project being led through the Marie Curie Research Department at UCL, and supported by charities that are interested in helping to improve the lives of people who are homeless.

Events and Training

Scholarships information session for refugees and people seeking asylum – 7 February 2022, 17:30-18:30

Join STAR (Student Action for Refugees) to find out how to apply for university scholarships for refugees and people seeking asylum.

STAR campaigns for and supports the creation of scholarships to improve access to university for people who are seeking asylum or from a refugee background. Now, 75 UK universities offer scholarships for applicants who are seeking asylum or have refugee status, humanitarian protection or limited leave to remain. You can see a full list on the [STAR website](#).

Are you a refugee or seeking asylum in the UK, and applying to university this year? You may need financial support to help cover your living costs. Many universities offer scholarships and bursaries that can help - book your place on this [information session](#) to find out more.

ECPAT UK training

ECPAT UK have announced further dates on several of their full CPD accredited training courses for professionals. Please find the dates and the links to book below.

[An overview to child trafficking, modern slavery and exploitation](#) – 16-17 February 2022 (09.30-13:00 each day) and 9-10 May 2022 (09.30-13:00 each day)

[Child criminal exploitation and trafficking](#) – 28-29 March 2022 (09.30-13:00 each day)

[Care for child victims of trafficking](#) – 16-17 March 2022 (09.30-13:00 each day)



ECPAT UK's practice webinar series – Child Trafficking in the UK in 2021: A snapshot – 25 February 2022, 13:00-14:00

ECPAT UK are hosting a free webinar on 25 February 2022 which provides an overview of the latest data, policy developments and promising practice. For this edition of the webinar series, ECPAT UK's Senior Policy and Research Officer Laura Durán is joined by April McCroig from the Office of the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner (IASC) to give an overview of the joint [snapshot report's](#) key messages.

If you would like to attend this webinar, please register [here](#) on Eventbrite.

Funding

People's Health Trust's Active Communities funding programme

The Active Communities funding opportunity is now open in parts of Cambridgeshire, Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk. Active Communities is a funding programme for community groups and not-for-profit organisations, with an income of less than £350,000 a year or an average of £350,000 over two years, seeking investment of between £5,000 and £40,000 for projects lasting up to two years. The programme is looking for small and local projects, genuinely designed and run by local people, that is, just a small group of people on an estate, in a few streets or villages.

Great ideas from communities of interest are also sought, such as a group of people who have things in common and wish to come together to address something that is important to them. These ideas could be based in one neighbourhood or cover a wider area.

Using money raised by Health Lottery East, Active Communities is currently open in parts of Cambridgeshire, Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk.

The programme is currently open in parts of the following areas:

- Cambridgeshire: Fenland
- Essex: Basildon, Braintree, Castle Point, Chelmsford, Colchester, Epping Forest, North Harlow, Tendring
- Norfolk: King's Lynn and West Norfolk, North Norfolk, Norwich
- Suffolk: Babergh, Ipswich

Applications will close on Friday 11 February at 1pm.

Learn more about who is funded and how to apply [here](#).

Jobs

Immigration Social Worker – Immigration Social Work Services

Since starting 2 years ago, ISWS Ltd has grown into an established and well-respected service provider and are now looking for an enthusiastic and passionate social worker to join the busy team.

ISWS is looking for a social worker who can:

- Complete age assessments
- Undertake project work (specific to separated migrant children)
- Develop tools and resources to help social work professionals in their role
- Deliver training (full training and support given)

Closing date: 21 February 2022

For further information and to apply, click [here](#)

Psychological Therapist roles - The Refugee Council

The Refugee Council is working in partnership with the East of England Strategic Migration Partnership/ Local Government Association and 8 other regional organisations to deliver a 33 month integration project for refugee adults, families and separated asylum-seeking children.

Funded by the Asylum & Migration Integration Fund (AMIF), the Wellbeing & Work for Refugee Integration Project aims to promote effective integration by improving access to the labour market for 650 refugees across the East of England. Participants will benefit from a bespoke wrap around programme which encourages engagement with three core activity streams:

- Tailored employment advice, education & training opportunities
- Flexible ESOL provision aimed at improving communication and confidence
- Specialist wellbeing/ therapeutic support with a focus on increased resilience & self-care

For more information about the roles and to apply, click the links below:

[Psychological Therapist – Children and Adult \(Bedfordshire\)](#)

[AMIF Senior Psychological Therapist – Adults/Children/Families \(East of England\)](#)

[Psychological Therapist – Children/Adult/Families \(Hertfordshire\)](#)

[Remote Psychological Therapist – Adults and Children \(Hertfordshire\)](#)

Closing date: 28 February 2022

Programme Co-ordinator - The Bell Foundation

The Foundation is currently looking for an organised, proactive, solution-focused and self-motivated individual to join its team as Programme Co-ordinator. The main focus of the role is to provide project co-ordination to the EAL Programme, including managing programme information and data collection for evaluation, maintaining effective project management systems, and ensuring the administration of programme activities.

Closing date: 7 February 2022 at 5pm

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

Digital Communications Co-ordinator - The Bell Foundation

The Foundation has an exciting opportunity for a Digital Communications Co-ordinator to work within a growing, dynamic team to assist and support the communication and marketing of the organisation's assets. The role involves analysing, making recommendations, implementing communications activities across the charity's range of digital channels and providing support for the marketing of the Foundation's training, publications, resources, website and creative mediums.

Closing date: 17 February 2022 at 9am

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

Communications Officer - The Bell Foundation

The new role of Communications Officer will be pivotal in executing the Communications and Digital Strategy to enable the charity's programmes to grow in size and influence in order to positively impact the lives of its beneficiaries. We are looking for a proactive, solution-focused, innovative individual to build awareness of the Foundation's expertise, maximise audience reach and increase engagement with assets and participation in events.

Closing date: 2 March 2022 at 9am

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



Service Manager, Refugee Support – British Red Cross

The British Red Cross have an exciting opportunity for a Service Manager to join the Refugee Support team based in Luton. As part of the East England Refugee Support team, the post holder will develop and manage the service in Luton and Hertfordshire. You'll provide direct line management to a team of 4 staff and will have responsibility for internal performance and resource management. The team are going through a period of change and development, so you'll work closely with them to build their confidence in casework skills, and will support them to grow and develop, both individually and as a team.

Reporting to the Refugee Services Operations Manager (RSOM), you'll work alongside them, the wider area management team and other internal teams at the British Red Cross to proactively develop services, build external engagement, develop local partnerships, and scope out funding opportunities. As the new ten-year strategy at the British Red Cross starts to be embedded, you'll work closely with the management team to feed into new models of working for Refugee Services.

Closing date: 20 February 2022

For further information and to apply, click [here](#)

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